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ATTACK IN BEDROOM

Widow's Dramatic Evidence at Inquest

HUSBAND'S SUICIDE

Dramatic evidence was given by the widow at the inquest at Pontefract, Yorkshire, on Saturday, concerning the death of William Jasper, aged 66 years, of 7 Victoria-road, St. Peter's, who succumbed to pneumonia following loss of blood caused by a deep wound in the forearm.

Returning a verdict of suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed, the Coroner said the evidence had revealed a curious state of affairs.

The widow, Mrs. Emily Jasper, aged 43 years, who gave evidence with her throat bandaged, said she and her two youngest daughters went to live with her husband's nephew at Monkhill-avenue, Pontefract, a year ago, while two other daughters went to live at another house in Monkhill-avenue occupied by Mr. Joseph Taylor, a widower.

Mrs. Jasper, who said she transferred to Mr. Taylor's house two months later, stated that she corresponded regularly with her husband and visited him in June, after which they all returned to Taylor's house.

Challenge Admitted.

In the evening on the day of their arrival, said witness, her husband, who had been drinking, challenged her about her association with Taylor and she and Taylor admitted that her condition was due to him. Her husband seemed unhappy about it but did not actually threaten her.

"He took notice of what was said outside instead of sitting down to talk it over," continued Mrs. Jasper.

Advised by the Coroner not to criticise her husband, witness replied "I don't want to. He was one of the best."

Continuing, witness said that on 2nd September she and her husband were very friendly when they went to bed at 9.10 p.m. in a room shared by two of their daughters.

Dozing off, witness awoke to find her husband leaning over her cutting her neck. She jumped out of bed and told one of her daughters to bring some water as "daddy was cutting me to pieces."

Witness said she staggered downstairs to find a towel to stem the flow of blood and then fainted. When she recovered the lights were on and the house was full of people.

William Barrett, a neighbour, who heard screams coming from the house in which the Jaspers were living, said the dead man's youngest daughter ran in and asked him to go to her parents, who were fighting.

Both Wounded.

Witness found the woman bleeding profusely from the neck and arms. Jasper was sitting on a chair holding one of his wrists and was also bleeding.

Medical evidence showed that Jasper had a terrible wound in the forearm which had penetrated to the bone. He died on the following afternoon from pneumonia following loss of blood.

The Coroner, summing up, said there was no doubt the man's balance of mind was disturbed by domestic trouble. It seemed a curious state of affairs. Apparently he brooded over his position and after seeking to injure his wife, probably to destroy her, he decided to take his own life.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS

PARENTS KEPT IN SUSPENSE

It was revealed at Ramsgate police court on Monday that it was on the express instructions of the Regional Commissioner that two Ramsgate parents were summoned for failing to send their children back to the reception area and it was also at the request of the Regional Commissioner that the applications for adjournment had been made.

Defendants were Ernest Dines, of Chapel-road, St. Lawrence, and Herbert Hudson, of Whitehall-road. The cases had been adjourned twice previously.

Applying for a further adjournment for a fortnight, Mr. K. F. Speakman, legal assistant in the Town Clerk's Department, said the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) was that day attending a meeting at the Regional Commissioner's office at Tunbridge Wells.

"These cases were instituted on the express instructions of the Regional Commissioner," said Mr. Speakman. "It has also been at the request of the Regional Commissioner that applications have been made for adjournment. Instructions have been received from the Regional Commissioner for me to ask this morning for a further adjournment for two weeks. The defendants have been notified that this application is being made."

The magistrates consented to the adjournment.

VICARAGE HIT

CLERGYMAN AND FAMILY ESCAPE

NO CASUALTIES IN SUNDAY RAID

Although the occupants of several houses had remarkable escapes, there were no casualties when German dive-bombers attacked a south-east coast town on Sunday night. Among those fortunate to escape uninjured were a vicar, his wife and son.

Bombs dropped in several parts of the town badly damaged some houses, including a vicarage.

The vicar and his family had just reached shelter in a cellar when bombs fell round the house, bringing down the ceilings and shattering the windows.

One bomb exploded on an old mill about 50 yards away, and others fell on the vicarage lawn, on the side of the house, blowing a hole in the wall, and close to an adjoining unoccupied house where a large tree was uprooted.

"We were just going to have supper," said the Vicar, "when I heard a plane overhead and went out into the garden to make sure no lights were showing. As it did not sound any too healthy we ran to the cellar and had just reached it when the bombs exploded. When I went out again later I found a bomb had fallen on the lawn at the spot where I had been standing half a minute earlier. My first thought was one of gratefulness that we should still be alive."

Some curtains in the vicarage dining-room were set alight by an incendiary bomb but firemen were soon on the scene to put out the blaze.

Timely Thought.

At the church service he conducted earlier in the evening the vicar had announced that the parishioners had furnished a house for people who might be rendered homeless by enemy action and that it would be ready for occupation the following day.

The old mill, from which the top portion had been removed some time ago, was completely destroyed, and adjoining buildings, once used as stables, were damaged. Part of the roof was also blown off an empty house next door to the vicarage.

When Mr. and Mrs. C. Hogbin and their two children, who live near the mill, returned home from a public shelter they found a scene of disorder, the rooms being full of debris from the mill which had been hurled through the windows.

Bungalows Shattered.

Three bungalows, one of which was furnished but unoccupied, were shattered by bombs that fell in the gardens and in a cabbage field opposite them.

The occupants of one bungalow, Mr. W. Wilkinson and his family, escaped because Mr. Wilkinson had left for fire-watching duty, his wife was on duty at a first-aid post, their son, home on leave, was out with friends, and their daughter had run to a public shelter just before the bombs fell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Billinghurst, with their seven-year-old son, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor, who were in a neighbouring bungalow, reached the safety of an Anderson shelter before the bombs fell.

A cascade of chalk was sent up by bombs which broke windows and damaged roofs of houses in another part of the town.

Salvation Army Pioneer

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS KELSON

One of the founders and a life-long member of the Salvation Army movement in Ramsgate, Mr. Thomas Kelson, of Alberdene, High-street, passed away on Wednesday at Stretton-on-Fosse, Gloucestershire.

Mr. Kelson, who was 72 years of age, had been ill for about six years and left Ramsgate at the outbreak of war. He bore his long illness with great patience after leading an exceedingly active business life.

For nearly 60 years Mr. Kelson had been associated with the nurseryman's business in High-street which bears his name. Under its former name of Chapman's Nursery he joined the business as a lad and rose to the position of manager. He assumed proprietorship of the undertaking on the death of Mr. Chapman.

It took a man of considerable courage to join the Salvation Army in the old days when the movement at Ramsgate began in an old mission hall at Southwood. The Army was then treated with derision and it was through such men as Mr. Kelson that it won the respect now accorded it.

Up to the time of his death Mr. Kelson was treasurer to the Ramsgate Citadel and for many years his brother, Mr. Harry Kelson, was bandmaster.

Mr. Kelson led a busy life for after spending all day at his business he devoted most of his free time to the interests of the Salvation Army.

He is survived by a widow and two sons. Mr. Albert C. Kelson has carried on the business since his father's illness and Mr. Sidney Kelson holds an important post in the South African Police.

The funeral takes place to-day at Ramsgate Cemetery.

MONTH'S HARD LABOUR

FOR STEALING ONIONS

AIR WARDEN WHO LEFT HIS POST

A Ramsgate man, described as an air warden, who pleaded guilty to stealing a bag of onions, was sentenced to a month's hard labour at the borough police court on Monday.

Defendant was John James McKeown, aged 50, of Princes-street, and he was summoned for stealing a quantity of onions, value 6s. 6d., the property of Reginald Arthur Solly.

P/S Wait said that at 4.30 a.m. on 9th September he was cycling along Manston-road from the direction of St. Lawrence and when about 200 yards on the Manston side of Stanner's-hill he saw defendant with a bicycle at the side of the road. Defendant appeared to be doing something to the bicycle. As witness was turning to go back he heard something heavy thrown to the ground.

Continuing, the officer said he asked defendant how he came to be in possession of the onions and he replied "They are nothing to do with me." When witness pointed out that he heard them thrown on the ground defendant said "All right, sergeant. It is a fair cop." Defendant pointed out a field, from which he said he took the onions. At the police station he made a statement.

Filled a Sandbag.

In the statement defendant said he was employed at a wage of £3 9s. 9d. a week. He went on duty at 10 p.m. on 9th September. "While on duty I had a temptation come over me to go and get some onions, which I had seen lying in a field alongside Manston-road for the past week," the statement proceeded. "I kept turning this over in my mind and I couldn't resist the temptation. I got on my cycle and came along to the field where I had seen the onions. I filled a sandbag full and after that came further along the road and placed them over a fence into some grass. It was while I was doing this that the police sergeant came along. I intended to pick them up on my way home in the morning about 6 a.m. I am extremely sorry for this lapse. Of late I have suffered from severe headaches and this may have some bearing on this lapse."

Defendant told the magistrates he had received letters from his two sons, one of whom had been badly scalded, and this upset him. His mind at the time was not as it should have been. He had no real intention of stealing the onions. There had been no complaints of his record and it was the first offence of any kind which he had committed.

His First Offence.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant had been a resident in Ramsgate for some years and there was nothing against him previously. The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) had asked him to stress the seriousness of the case for the onions had been requisitioned by the Ministry of Food. Defendant's employers were dealing with the fact that he was absent while on duty.

"We have had numerous complaints from all over the town from farmers, growers, and even small allotment-holders, of their produce being stolen," said the chief inspector.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): Have you lost your job?

Defendant: I am under suspension, sir.

It depends on what happens here this morning?—Yes, sir.

Questioned as to his previous employment, defendant said he had been to sea.

When Chief Inspr. Butcher remarked that he had been a boarding house keeper, Mr. Knight observed that that was a non-existent occupation in Ramsgate at the present time.

Announcing the decision of the bench, the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said defendant held a position in which he took a solemn oath to protect the goods of His Majesty's subjects. "We feel it was a premeditated act on your part. It was not a sudden impulse. You left your duty to do it. Had it not been that there is no record against you you would have been sent to prison for three months."

TRADER BEREAVED

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. W. H. Rutty, who has been in business as a butcher in High-street, Ramsgate, for many years, in the loss he has sustained by the death on Friday of his wife, Mrs. Helen Rutty.

Mrs. Rutty was 71 years of age.

The funeral will take place at Ramsgate Cemetery to-morrow.

REPORTED PRISONERS

A list of British prisoners of war reported from German sources on Monday included the names of L/Bdrs. Leslie Mills, Horace Dunn and Alan Turner, of Ramsgate.

GERMAN CLAIM

On Monday the official German News Agency said "Last night German planes bombed the harbour of Margate."

AN ORGY OF CRIME

TWO YOUTHS MAKE A CLEAN BREAST OF IT

RECORDER SENDS THEM TO BORSTAL

Confessing to having indulged in an orgy of senseless crime, George Henry Dyer, labourer, aged 18, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate, and Douglas Edwin Weatherly, aged 17, A.R.P. messenger, of Norman-road, St. Peter's, appeared for trial before the Recorder, Mr. F. H. Curtis-Bennett, at Tenterden Quarter Sessions on Friday.

The two youths, who admitted 30 cases of house-breaking and stealing in Thanet, had been in Maidstone prison awaiting trial since 28th July.

They had been committed to quarter sessions charged with breaking and entering three houses in Dumpton Park-drive, Broadstairs. It was alleged that they stole a wireless set and food, value £10 17s. 2d., the property of Kathleen Flanders, at the White House, various articles, including ten dozen preserved eggs, value £2 2s. 10d., the property of May L. Wadlow, at St. Denys, and that at Hampstead they committed wilful and malicious damage to household goods, valued at £21 1s., the property of Miss Winifred Crittall.

Accused were represented by Mr. Lancelot Fletcher, barrister.

Went Cycling Together.

Mr. A. L. Stevenson, who prosecuted, said the houses concerned were evacuated by their owners owing to the war in June, 1940. According to Dyer's statement, he met Weatherly in October when they were attending an instructional centre at Margate. Both unemployed, they went for cycle rides in the district, and it was while on those rides that they decided to break into the houses.

They began on 4th June at The Ness, Kingsgate, which was not the subject of a charge, and until they were finally rounded up on 3rd July they broke into about 30 houses, with the result that the whole of the police force in Broadstairs was called upon to endeavour to stop their felonious raidings.

At Hampstead, Dumpton Park-drive, one of the houses entered, there were ten dozen eggs in waterglass. When the police went there they found many broken eggs on the floor, while next door the wall and windows were bespattered with broken eggs. Inside, the house was in a terrible state. Two fire extinguishers had been squirted over the linoleum, curtains had been pulled down, feather pillows had been ripped open and the feathers strewn over the floor, a mattress and bed covers had been cut, and a chair and table cut.

When arrested by D/C Self and P/S Butler, who kept observation on a garden where some of the stolen property had been hidden, the accused made a full and frank confession of all they had done.

In and Out of Jobs.

D/C Self, K.C.C., Broadstairs, said that Dyer, who was charged at the Cinque Ports juvenile court, Margate, in May, 1938, with store-breaking and larceny, the case being dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act, was born at Guildford and moved to Ramsgate with his parents in 1938. Until September, 1940, he was employed as a messenger boy at Broadstairs Post Office but was discharged for retaining money given to him by members of the public for sending telegrams.

He was then engaged for four weeks on coastal defence work, earning £3 14s. a week. When juvenile labour was dispensed with on that work he attended an instructional centre at Margate, where he became associated with Weatherly. After six weeks at the centre he obtained work as an errand boy for a Ramsgate baker at a wage of £1 a week, leaving in February, 1941. He was then a milk roundsman at Ramsgate at £2 a week but was dismissed in May for general inefficiency. His employer described him as inefficient, lazy and dishonest. He afterwards became a farm labourer at Minster, receiving £1 16s. a week, but was discharged for being unsatisfactory, lazy and a bad timekeeper.

Dyer asked the Recorder to take into consideration 34 outstanding cases of store-breaking and larceny, seven of which were committed at Ramsgate without Weatherly and dated back to last October.

D/C Self added that Weatherly appeared at the Cinque Ports juvenile court, Margate, in April, 1940, and was bound over for two years under the Probation Officer for two cases of store-breaking and larceny and two cases of house-breaking and larceny, when two other cases of stealing were taken into consideration. He was born in London and gave satisfaction in his employment. He was on coastal defence work for a month and then became an A.R.P. messenger. He admitted 27 outstanding offences and desired them to be taken into consideration.

"It is within my knowledge," added witness, "that up to the time of his association with Dyer he had behaved himself and kept absolutely straight."

With a Gang.

Replying to the Recorder, witness said Weatherly was with a gang at the time he committed the offences for which he was bound over in April, 1940.

In reply to Mr. Fletcher, witness agreed that at the time the accused were arrested the police did not know they had anything to do with any houses except those they were watching. They were released on bail so that Dyer could carry out his Home Guard duties, and they voluntarily attended the police station the next day, saying they wanted to make a clean breast of everything. They told the police of numerous offences they had committed, and gave every assistance in identifying and recovering property.

Fathers Puzzled.

George Henry Dyer, father of one of the accused, called by Mr. Fletcher, said he knew nothing about the cases until the police called and said his boy was in custody. He was a good boy at home, and witness could give no explanation of his conduct.

Walter John Weatherly, father of the other lad, said there was no necessity for his son to behave as he had done. When they came from London three years ago witness had difficulty in finding work and his son was very good at home, helping them along, and always being most considerate. He took an interest in the home and garden.

"I cannot understand why he should look for trouble as he has done," added Mr. Weatherly.

The Recorder: He has had a chance—six previous cases of house-breaking, larceny and store-breaking. He seems to have got beyond control a bit.

Witness: He was not beyond my control.

The Recorder: I am very sorry for you, Mr. Weatherly. You have my sympathy.

Mr. B. K. Hemsley, Probation Officer at Ramsgate, said he had made inquiries about Dyer and understood his father had had a good deal of trouble with him. Although good at home, he seemed to be inefficient at work, and witness was not very impressed with the sincerity of his regrets for what he had done. He seemed to put it down too much to mischievousness. Witness saw him again after he had been on remand in Maidstone prison and there seemed to be an improvement in his character. Witness was inclined to think the lad had begun to get a little beyond his father's control, losing that respect which he should have for him. He was sorry the lad was not placed on probation when previously before the court. He had tried to join the Royal Marines but was not accepted, his references not being good enough.

Mr. A. E. Bray, Probation Officer for Margate and Broadstairs, said Weatherly was placed under his care in April, 1940, and had behaved very well. Witness had no indication until two or three weeks prior to his arrest, when he failed to report, that there was anything wrong. He had been employed recently as an A.R.P. messenger but employment was not the word for it, as the lad had nothing to do but idle away his time.

Gained Nothing.

"I am inclined to put that down as one of the reasons why he turned to those mischievous acts," said witness. "I call them mischievous because, looking through them I cannot see any gain. There is nothing he has brought away. He has gone through a phase of breaking and destruction, and has got nothing out of it at all, except that he has broken his own character as well as articles and homes. In my opinion, with his marked intelligence, it makes it all the more complicated when you try to work out why he has done it."

Mr. Bray, recommending the lad be given another chance, said he could place him in a probation hostel.

The Recorder: You see how difficult it is to do that to a young man who has had every advantage and committed six previous offences. He has had the great advantage of being under your care and yet commits something like 30 more offences.

Mr. Bray: He was but a child when he committed the previous offences. He has now spent eight weeks in Maidstone prison. I have visited him there and I am sure he realises his mistake.

Mr. Fletcher, while agreeing that both young men had behaved in a most disgraceful way, pointed out that they had made a clean breast of their orgy of senseless crime and had since been in prison for two months, a factor which he viewed with satisfaction.

The Recorder: So do I.

Dyer had nothing to say to the Recorder but Weatherly expressed his regret and said his eight weeks in prison had been sufficient to make him meditate over what he had done.

Abuse of Liberty.

Announcing that they would be sent to Borstal for a period not exceeding three years, the Recorder said "You are about as bad a pair of young men as I have seen in this court. For a month at least, you took part in what has been described as an orgy of crime. Both of you appear to have the advantage of very respectable parents and homes. These are not times in which people are entitled to expect any chance at all. You should both go to prison and you thoroughly deserve it. It is only because of what has been urged on your behalf by the respective probation officers, and the eloquent appeal of Mr. Fletcher, to whom you owe a great deal, that I am not going to send you to prison. But if you come before any other court again for anything like this you will go to prison, and it will continue with that if you lead a life of crime.

"I think it a disgraceful thing that you should take advantage of people being away, leaving their houses empty, to break into them and damage their property. I am very glad you have been in prison for eight weeks. Of course, you don't like it. People don't like their liberty taken away from them. The trouble with you is that when you have your liberty you are committing crime in coastal areas. I am quite satisfied that you are both persons of criminal tendencies."

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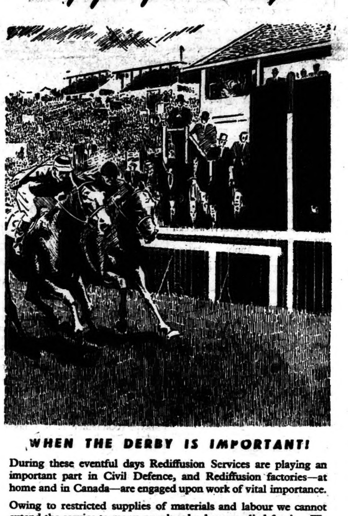

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H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

Clarendon House.
19th September, 1941.

WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1940

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed to apply to the Ramsgate Town Council for the registration under the above-mentioned Act of the Ramsgate War Relief Fund, the objects of which are shortly as follows:

the making good of loss and the relief of distress caused by the War among the people of Ramsgate including assistance to charitable organisations operating in the town.

and the administrative centre of which is situate at the Municipal Offices, Clarendon House, Ramsgate.

Any objections to the proposed registration should be sent in writing to the above-named Council through their Town Clerk within 14 days from the date of this notice.

Dated the 23rd day of September, 1941.

H. N. STANDEN
Hon. Secretary,
Ramsgate War Relief Fund.

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Dated the 23rd day of September, 1941.

A. B. C. KEMPE
Local Military Welfare Officer.

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CURRY'S Special Bargains.—Gent's secondhand Racer Cycle, 3-speed, £3 19s. 6d.; new models in Raleigh, Triumph, Mead, from £9 15s. 0d.; Battery Radio from £3 19s. 6d. complete; 90 H.T. Batteries, Ever Ready, 12/4; Sleeping Bags, 19/6; Camp Beds, 27/6; Stirrup Pumps, 30/-; Toys, Torches, Batteries; Accumulators charged, 4d. each; prompt attention to all Cycle Repairs.—Curry's Ltd., 38 High-street, Ramsgate.

LIVE STOCK

YOUNG Rabbits, 1/6 and 2/-; also Does and Bucks.—28 Staffordshire-street, Ramsgate. 53

MOTOR INSURANCE

MOTOR Insurance.—Lloyds Policy 40 per cent. no claim; immediate cover.—Adams, 36 Stanley-road, Broadstairs. 77

REMOVALS & STORAGE

One Penny per word; 3 insertions for 2d. per word

HARDINGS Removal Service for removals to all parts by modern motor van; loads and part-loads required every day to and from London area; furniture warehoused for any period; estimates free; compare our charges with those of others, send postcard or call, Hardings, Removers and Storers, Staffordshire - street, Turner-street, Ramsgate. 'Phone 200.

HOUSES, FLATS, ETC. TO LET

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FLATS to let, superior neighbourhood; two bedrooms, sitting-room, kitchen, bathroom; gas, electric.—15/6 and 17/6.—Warren, Auctioneer, Ramsgate. †54

COUNCIL OF READERS

COMFORTS DOWN BELOW

Sir,—As the winter may come upon us very soon, people are asking what is going to be done to make the tunnels dry, warm and comfortable for those who use them for sleeping purposes. Many of them say they would like to be allowed to use their oil-stoves again only for heating purposes, not cooking, though think boiling water for tea, etc., would do no harm. The tunnel marshals could easily see this privilege was not abused.

The idea seems to me a good one and would save the town the expense of a costly heating system. Last winter, though the tunnels appear to have been very stuffy, there appear to have been no bad consequences. But with the absence of cooking and the fact of evacuation during the day, they ought to be thoroughly aired.

Unless something is done, the damp would cause rheumatism, neuralgia, bronchitis, pneumonia and a large number of bad colds.

WALTER K. LEWIS

51 Belle Vue Road, Ramsgate.

IMMEDIATE ALERT

STEAM SIREN SIGNAL AT MARGATE

Within a few days Margate will be in a position to sound an immediate alert signal when enemy aircraft are in the vicinity.

The alert will be sounded on the steam siren at the gas works and will consist of ten one-second blasts.

The clearance signal will be a steady blast lasting ten seconds,

A YEAR AGO

The German Air Force sustained a day of record losses on 14th September, 185 machines, mostly bombers, being brought down in battles which took place over Canterbury and Maidstone and all the way up the Medway and Thames Estuary to London. Kent was littered with the wrecks of enemy machines.

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A bungalow near the seashore on the outskirts of a south-east coast town was moved several feet by the blast of a bomb which burst in the garden.

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The pilot of a German fighter plane —one of 48 machines destroyed in air battles over Kent—came down by parachute in a bay and was landed by a rescue boat at a south-east coast town. A big built man of 25, he wore the iron cross on his chest.

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First response to the appeal organised by the Mayor of Ramsgate for the relief of distress in the town caused by war conditions was a cheque for £100 from Lord Nuffield.

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It is estimated that the total deficiency on the Ramsgate local government service for the end of the present year will be in the region of £250,000.

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Ten o'clock has been fixed by the South-Eastern Regional Commissioner as the time in Kent at which all cinemas must close at night.

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Sub-Lieut. Norman W A. Mann, R.N.V.R., an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, was mentioned in despatches for good service in the withdrawal of the Allied Armies from Dunkirk.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

For well over three hours on Wednesday evening the Ramsgate Tribunal was occupied in dealing with applications for exemption from service, who, following medical re-examination, have been classified for various grades of military service. In a large number of cases conditional exemption was granted, and the local captain of the K.V.R. will, as a result of the obligation imposed, receive a very considerable accession of strength. The Mayor (Councillor T. S. Chayney) presided, and the other members present were Miss Stancombe Wills, Messrs. W. Coleman, W. M. Bradley, R. Earle, H. T. Hollands, J. Wotton and J. T. Wilson, with Major E. E. Ogier, the military representative, the Clerk (Mr. A. Blasdale Clarke) and the Assistant Clerk (Mr. L. S. Pheasix).

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There was again a large muster of the Ramsgate Coy., K.V.R., on Monday, the parade totalling well over a hundred. The main body marched to the drill field via Pegwell-road, and under the command of the orderly officer, Platoon-Comdr. Horne, carried out several interesting movements. The darkness made the test a strong one, particularly for the recruits, but the drill was carried out with a steadiness and a capability which drew praise from the commandant.

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The work being initiated by the Mayoress of Ramsgate for the provision of some shirts necessitates a special campaign which now seems inevitable marks a distinct advance in war enterprise at Ramsgate. It is recognised that the idea has not previously been acted upon by one of the various war committees in the town, who might have taken their lead from Queen Town, but the omission existed and the Mayoress had decided to apply her energies towards putting the scheme upon a commercial and profitable basis. Her efforts should be successful, for there are many people in the town deft with the needle who can earn money and at the same time assist by replenishing the quartermaster's stores. The Mayor will thus be helping themselves and helping the Army.

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Among the awards recently gazetted is that of the Military Medal to Corpl. Albert V. Setterfield, of Messrs. Walmsley and Barnes, of Broadstairs, and joined the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps in the early days of the war.

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The decoration of the Military Medal has been conferred on Sergt. L. Bing, of Clement's-road, Ramsgate, and Engr.-Comdr. Charles Frederick Dunn, a Ramsgate man, has been recommended for distinction in connection with the Battle of Jutland.

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Lieut. Benjamin Barnes, of The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, has been recommended for the Military Cross for distinguished gallantry in recent fighting. He has already received a card, signed by the Principal Commander, bearing testimony to his bravery. Lieut. Barnes is a partner with Mr. Setterfield, Messrs. Walmsley and Barnes, of Broadstairs/ and joined the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps in the early days of the war.

ST. PETER'S SERGEANT CAPTURED

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Sergt. Rodney Austin, R.A., of 79 Church-street, St. Peter's, who was reported missing since 2nd June, is now reported to be a prisoner of war.

The news was received on Wednesday by his mother, who is now living at Gillingham.

Employed as a clerk by Messrs. Tomson and Wotton Ltd., at Ramsgate, Sergt. Austin, who is 20 years of age, was called up as a Territorial on the outbreak of war.

A SLIP INSTEAD OF A LABEL

As he produced only a typewritten slip signed by his commanding officer, instead of a yellow label, when seen by W.P.C. Martin in Beach-avenue, Birchington, Sergt. Kenneth Andrew, R.A.M.C., was summoned at Margate police court on Wednesday for using a private motor-cycle without a permit.

Sergt. Andrew said he concluded everything was in order as Ramsgate police told him the issue of a permit was at the discretion of his commanding officer.

The Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, said the case would be dismissed with a caution as there had apparently been a misunderstanding.

'VARSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

CHATHAM HOUSE SUCCESSES

As a result of their successes in passing the London University Higher Schools examination, group D, with exemption from intermediate B.Sc., pupils of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, now evacuated to Stafford, has been awarded state bursaries.

In addition to a state bursary at Oxford, W. G. R. Norris has also been awarded a bursary by Keble College, Oxford. The other four state bursaries have been gained by T. K. Dibley (Cambridge University), P. A. D. Powell (Imperial College of Science and Technology), R. V. Rickwood (University College, London) and D. M. Young (Queen Mary's College, London).

In group B of the Higher Schools examination the successful Chatham House boys were P. H. Bird, G. B. Moss, J. C. T. Curzon and R. J. Rigden.

Boys who passed the general schools examination with exemption from matriculation were A. R. Boothroyd, H. C. Deverson, P. D. Gritten, H. R. Hayward, J. T. Jackson, A. Leith, D. Leonard, D. S. Redwood, F. J. Smith, R. H. Waller, P. S. Weatherby, D. A. Wood, Leonard, R. H. Brown, D. Castle, M. F. Dines, J. A. Hay, J. M. Keegan, R. Lewis, K. A. Mummery, W. M. J. Rowlandson, F. J. Sandars, B.Sc., Barthram, P. Clark, J. K. Davies, A. S. Dixon, A. Gray, J. H. Harlow, A. Owen, Read, K. R. Reeves, P. E. Setterfield.

Passes in the general schools examination were secured by J. Bennett, E. W. Barritt, G. C. C. Bird, F. J. Culmer, E. L. Hubbell, J. F. Mitchell, P. Richford, J. Turner, E. J. Bushell, R. L. Dibley, S. S. Middleton, M. M. Phieby, C. L. Pinkham, W. F. Birch, E. A. Burnett, R. A. J. Emptage, K. C. Mellor, E. P. Potter, A. P. Saunders, W. Weston, E. E. Butler, G. E. G. Galletly, P. G. Morecroft.

CLARENDON HOUSE SUCCESSES

Only two failures—one in shorthand, one in typewriting—were recorded by the girls of Clarendon House School, Ramsgate, now at Stafford, who entered for the Royal Society of Arts, 1941, examination.

The successful pupils were:

Zahrah Jaber, Beryl Johnson, Gwen Stickles (book-keeping stage 1 with credit, shorthand 60 w.p.m., typewriting stage 1).

Freda Harris (book-keeping stage 1 with credit, shorthand 50 w.p.m., typewriting stage 1).

Rosemary Hollands (book-keeping stage 1, shorthand 60 w.p.m.)

Daphne Prior (book-keeping stage 1, typewriting stage 1).

MORE SPECIAL PLACES

Additional special place scholarships to Chatham House School have been awarded by Kent Education Committee to D. P. Hewett (Salmestone School, Margate), A. Drapkin (Margate), G. M. Spalls (Ifereson, Ramsgate), H. Farley (Christ Church, Ramsgate), R. F. Bell (St. Lawrence), D. F. Ainger (Manston) and J. C. Cooper (Chatham House).

GOOD TEMPLAR TRIBUTE

AT EX-COUNCILLOR'S FUNERAL

Representatives of the Advance and Sunbeam Lodges, I.O.G.T., the Thanet Templar Convention, Ramsgate Brotherhood and Ramsgate Horticultural Society attended the funeral at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Enoch Marsden, a former member of the Town Council, whose death at the age of 87 was reported in our previous issue.

Prior to interment a short service in the cemetery chapel was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Brown, minister of Ramsgate Congregational Church, of which Mr. Marsden was a member.

Templar rites at the graveside were performed by Mr. E. A. Knight, C.C.T., Mr. Jackson, district Councillor, and Mr. T. Wright, District Guard.

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. W. G. Nelson (brother-in-law), Miss May, Mrs. Samson and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

Floral wreaths were sent by Mrs. Marsden and brother; Ramsgate Brotherhood; Ramsgate and District Horticultural Society; Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Hall (Reading); Mrs. Samson; Mrs. Collins; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. Brown; Mr. W. J. Stone and daughter; Miss Elvis; neighbours (Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Irwin).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

TRADE UNIONISTS WARNED

Sir Walter Citrine, speaking at the Trade Union Congress in Edinburgh, appealed to workers to save hard as they can.

"We have urged voluntary savings," said Sir Walter. "Why have we urged it? Because we accept basically that inflation, which is partly wages put from earnings upon goods which are in short supply, in so far as these goods are not rationed, must be fought down the prices, without any basic advantage to the purchaser. We have felt that the wise course for the Trade Unionist is to save to the maximum he can. We have to recognise that there is a danger of the gap being widened between the value of money to which the wage-earner put out of ordinary savings and borrowings and how far it has to be done by inflation.

"It is my duty to say this to you. The fact that I do not refer to it here does not mean that there is not some responsibility upon us. There is a problem that we have to face and which is faced if this war is to be carried through to a successful conclusion. That problem will be ultimately determined by the measure to which we have succeeded in putting back into the war effort the maximum amount of wealth our members have created—in other words, the maximum amount of savings—and I repeat it voluntary savings—that is adequate to meet the war bill. If we do not do that then we shall be faced with other and more stringent means."

ANOTHER V FOR VICTORY GROUP

First group to be formed at Ramsgate in connection with the summer savings campaign, the Chilton Tavern Victory group, whose original target was £20 for a Tommy gun, has now invested £1,000.

Mrs. E. Fowles, of Arlya, Vale-square, is the hon. secretary of the second V for Victory group which has been formed among the residents of the Vale-square district, and Mr. J. T. Lewis is hon. secretary of another new group which has been formed among members of the Ramsgate Working Men's Club and Institute, Chatham-place.

James Wright Ltd. and St. Lawrence Laundry groups are among those which have already reached their objective, in each case a Tommy gun.

"Britain started the third year of war armed at last and ready to meet any threat to her existence."—Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War.

NOT EASY TO FEED

WORKERS' AWKWARD HOURS

Though the voluntary unpaid waitresses are willing enough, it seems to be no simple matter to meet the needs for a hot meal of the working population of Margate.

When it was reported at the monthly meeting of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council that the Margate Restaurant at Ellington School, Ramsgate, had been opened between 5 and 7 p.m. for the provision of evening meals for workmen, and from an experimental period of a fortnight, the opinion was expressed that, while it was a gesture in the right direction, it would not meet the whole problem.

The Secretary, Mr. D. M. Hughes, reported that the miners in the area had taken steps to provide full canteen facilities for themselves at their place of employment and hoped to have them in working order within a few weeks. Even so, he said, the Ellington facilities were of little value to the miner because owing to the times of opening. Miners wanted their hot dinners when they left work, not an hour and a half or two hours after arriving home.

The railway delegate told of numbers of their men whose shifts finished too late for them to attend the mid-day session and much too early for the evening session.

The delegates undertook, however, to give the widest publicity to the scheme among men whom the hours suited in order to make the British Restaurant a success with a view to further development in the future.

IRONING THEM OUT

FIRE-WATCHING CREASES

The latest Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order was the chief subject of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, held at Margate under the chairmanship of Mr. T. W. Eden.

The secretary, Mr. D. M. Hughes, read official correspondence on the subject and each delegate gave a report of the operation of the Order as it applied to his respective trade.

The information was available of the operation of the Order as it applied to business premises in the towns (shops and smaller workshops) but a useful exchange of information regarding fire-watching at places of employment took place.

It was resolved to keep an eye on the whole problem and endeavour to assist in "ironing out the obvious creases" that have hitherto existed in this unsatisfactory, though essential, scheme.

GOLDEN WEDDING

FORMER BIRCHINGTON COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Formerly of Birchington and now living at Hengrove, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Harris celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding on 13th September.

At the time of their wedding at Minster both Mr. and Mrs. Harris were living at Birchington. At the time Mr. Harris was a foreman in the building trade and in 1896 he set up in business on his own account.

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DEAR OL' PALS

Our Complete Short Story

By COLIN HOPE

The furnaces of the Brocklin Star, like those of most of the Brocklin factboats, were beasts. There was no ease for the black squad during their watch, especially in heavy weather. However the workmen might love to put coal on the stokers' feet, and the stokers to hurl it into the roaring fires, the stuff never touched bottom before it disintegrated and disappeared in the white hot blaze.

Little Pattington, five feet and little more, could take rough grafts, but as the Brocklin Star lurched her way over the last 500 miles of the Atlantic and into the English Channel in the face of a fierce nor-easter, he declared he would sail no more in her. The pace was killing to a giant of a man like Charley Grant, it would just turn Little Pattington into a skinny corpse.

Charley Grant was new to the ship, and from the day they had cleared Buenos Ayres he had had a down on Little Pattington. It began when the trimmer threw out a lump, something over a quarter-of-a-hundred-weight, on the big stoker's foot.

Pattington had done a similar thing before—deliberately—but this time it was an accident, the genuine article. He had got his shin, too, in the contagion. As he showed his plaintive face at the end of the coal alley, a huge fist caught him on the chin, sent his head back, with blood streamin from his mouth, right out for five minutes.

Twice during the trip Little Pattington felt the weight of Charley Grant's anger, and each time he lay back in the alley, first almost unconscious, and then planning revenge.

He had worked in stokeholds over half the seas of the world without getting used to taking and giving hard knocks, but he was like his nasty temper tried him. It he had aimed the lump of coal at Grant's foot he would have enjoyed the retribution if his nimbleness failed to keep him out of harm's way. But he had the information was available of the smallest member of the watch, had little chance against the biggest.

On his own feet, and he was not quitting yet.

When Little Pattington took in heavy blows he gave back in petty annoyances and hard work. A good trimmer could take half his labour off a hard-worked stoker. Little Pattington did not throw the coal well that trip. He had clean hands and black and blue the last watch coming up Channel, and the more the stoker roared for lumps the more slack he received. At last, driven frantic by the maddening spasms, the stoker, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Harris celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding on 13th September.

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Little Pattington grinned. "However, I can 'andle a shovel," he said.

"That's it. When you tapped me on the 'ead you did somethin'—I dunno wot. But the neuralgia's gone, I ain't 'ad a twinge since." He held out a large paw. "Put it there. You're a pal."

Between them they took all the stuffing out of a couple of notes before the new friendship was truly sealed. Then, when the landlord insisted on their leaving the Rodney, they went in search of a more accommodating host.

Somehow they got parted, and later, Little Pattington, with a muzzy idea that his big friend was near at hand, hailed a broad back on the opposite side of the narrow Harbour Street.

The lidlife, however, had mistaken for Grant, turned slowly—normally Olsen's every movement was ponderous and slow—but when he saw Little Pattington waving drunkenly to him, he moved more quickly than before.

In a couple of mighty strides he had reached the trimmer and seized his coat collar.

"You liddle schwine," Olsen cried. "The liddle schwine. Ruin mine shovel on dot big man's head, would you. Take dot and dot! and dot!"

Little Pattington sank to the ground. He had only the vaguest idea of what all the shouting was about. But no fewer than 56 of us rode the full 100 miles in the blazing heat and thoroughly enjoyed it.

That should be a complete answer to those people who murmur somewhat apprehensively "I'm not built for such hard work." The Government have suggested that we should make full use of our cycles in these days—not only for going to and from work, but also to give us pleasure in recreation.

There are timid creatures who are afraid that it might be too big a strain, but they should remember that even on the hottest day cycling is cooler than walking, that for the same expenditure of energy cycling will take you at least four times as far as walking, and that cycling is the only form of exercise in which you do not have to work when going down hill.

Easy Recreation.

Of course, there is no need to ride 100 miles every time you go for a spin. Even a 20-mile ride through countryside is never so far away as that. But if elderly men can ride 100 miles in a day without discomfort, the younger generation ought to find cycling one of the easiest forms of recreation. So they will—if they set about it in the right way.

First and foremost, easy cycling depends on having a bicycle that is properly adjusted and in good running order. The next factor of major importance is the attitude of the rider, or rather, the attitudes—mental and physical—of the rider.

It is no good setting off for a ride wondering whether it will end in a flop." The right attitude of mind is an intention to go for a ride because riding is pleasant, and a determination to keep it pleasant.

Then, on starting off for a ride if the saddle and handlebar are in the wrong position, forcing the rider to "sit up and beg" all the time. Now don't misunderstand me. I do not suggest that we should all adopt racing positions. All we have to do is to see that our bodies are properly placed, with our arms nearly straight, and our bodies leaning slightly forward on them.

Many a promising ride ends before it really begins, because the rider is afraid to take it easy when he is feeling fresh. Too many people are afraid of walking up hills when they have just set out for the day. Because they are not energetic riders careering gaily uphill they think that they themselves ought to keep in the saddle. But it is far better to walk every appreciable hill in the early stages of a ride. An old saying among cycle tourists is that every hill that can be walked in the morning means two ridden in the evening.

Riding for Pleasure.

Another important feature of the tourist's mental attitude is disregard for the clock. He must set off thinking of the distance he intends to do. He does not think when he has ridden ten miles that he still has, say, 68 to cover. He takes each mile as it comes, and enjoys it. He is out for pleasure, not for records. When he feels tired he rests.

Tiredness, when cycling, is very often a disguised form of hunger. Every experienced rider can recall occasions in his early days when he felt that he had bitten off more than he could chew, but had not really tackled enough to be literally tired. So, when your spirits begin to droop, and you begin to doubt whether you will be able to manage the rest of the journey, tell yourself that it does not matter whether you can or not finish the ride, have a sandwich or (if you can get it) a bar of chocolate. You will be surprised at the rejuvenation it produces. A cup of tea served outside a roadside hut is also a wonderful restorative, but big meals should be avoided.

Riding alone does not force himself, but stops occasionally for a short rest and a snack, is never knocked up. At the end of the day he is filled with the healthy fatigue—not weariness—that comes from the right measure of exercise in the fresh air. He sleeps well, and he rises refreshed. His faculties are unimpaired. He is a better man than he used to be. He has had a real holiday.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

A SNAPSHOT FOR BROADSTAIRS MOTHER

Mrs. W. Shepherd, of 2 Polegate-cottages, Thanet-road, Broadstairs, has had the pleasure of receiving from South Africa a smiling snapshot of her son, Pte. Cyril Shepherd, and three of his comrades.

Accompanying the photograph was a letter from Mrs. V. M. Beech, of Fish Hook, Cape Province, explaining that whenever the troops pass round the Cape they stay for two or three days in Cape Town and usually get leave from 9 a.m. to midnight unless they are on duty.

"This is a small seaside resort about 15 miles from Cape Town," added Mrs. Beech, "and men are sent out here each time. We all take two, three or four and give them a bit of domestic and social life. Also if possible we also take them for drives and entertain them according to our means.

"It is a pleasant break for them and we are glad to welcome them into our homes and give them pleasant surroundings to take away, something fresh to talk about and enliven the monotony of the voyage."

Adding that Cyril and his friends were all well and in very high spirits, thrilled with the adventure and the opportunity of seeing countries they had only read about, Mrs. Beech explained that she always wrote to each mother or wife of the soldiers visiting her home, enclosing a snapshot so that they could see for themselves that their loved ones were well.

"It is just a link," added the kindly writer, "and makes the distance seem a bit shorter."

Pte. Cyril Shepherd, who was a member of the staff of Tye's, Queen-street, Ramsgate, before joining the Army, and his brother Henry, who is in the Royal Navy, are R.A.S.C. men well known in local cricket and football circles.

Their father, Mr. William Shepherd, served in the South African War.

BOWLS

DANE PARK AGAIN BEATEN

Beaten in the first match by 15 shots. Dane Park B.C. lost to the Rest in a second match by 6 shots (25—40).

Rink scores were:

Dane Park—H. Street, R. Mabie, A. J. Munday, C. Emmerson, 20; R. Sowry, W. Solly, S. F. Ovenden, H. Ellis, 18; Mrs. E. Brown, E. Anne, W. Jackson, J. Dickson, 13; J. Bayley, G. Pyle, B. N. Wells, I. Kennard, 17.

The Rest—J. Ovenden, W. Fudge, J. Hogben, W. Paine, 22; H. Sutherland, H. Harvey, H. Howard, R. Thurston, 18; E. Mummery, A. Cox, 6—Dane Park, 3 ends to the good.

T. Waghorn, 25; P. Tatterall, J. Waghorn, F. Barnes, A. Bradley, 20.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," with a view to publication, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become wounded, casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

B/S/M BROWN IN GERMANY

As first reported in our issue of Tuesday last, B/S/M George Brown, R.A., of Ramsgate, missing since the Battle of Crete on June 1, is now known to be a prisoner of war.

Writing from 145 King's-road, South Harrow, Middlesex, Mrs. Brown asks the Editor of the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO to let his many friends know that her husband is safe and well.

B/S/M Brown is a prisoner at Stalag XVIIIA, Germany. He has written home to say there is nothing for his wife to worry about "as they are well looked after and getting plenty to eat."

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SAILORS WHO CYCLE

THE JOY OF BEING AWHEEL.

By

ADMIRAL E. O. HEFFORD, O.B.E.

(Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Cyclists' Touring Club).

Seventy-year-old sailors are not usually expected to be good cyclists. In fact, sailors awheel are often regarded as bordering on the comic.

Nevertheless, there were at least two old sailors of this class among the 66 stalwarts of the C.T.C. who set out in June, on the hottest Sunday of the year, to take part in the veterans' ride organised by the famous club.

We were all over 50 years old; the "father" of the party was nearly 80, and our average age was 62. But no fewer than 56 of us rode the full 100 miles in the blazing heat and thoroughly enjoyed it.

That should be a complete answer to those people who murmur somewhat apprehensively "I'm not built for such hard work." The Government have suggested that we should make full use of our cycles in these days—not only for going to and from work, but also to give us pleasure in recreation.

There are timid creatures who are afraid that it might be too big a strain, but they should remember that even on the hottest day cycling is cooler than walking, that for the same expenditure of energy cycling will take you at least four times as far as walking, and that cycling is the only form of exercise in which you do not have to work when going down hill.

Easy Recreation.

Of course, there is no need to ride 100 miles every time you go for a spin. Even a 20-mile ride through countryside is never so far away as that. But if elderly men can ride 100 miles in a day without discomfort, the younger generation ought to find cycling one of the easiest forms of recreation. So they will—if they set about it in the right way.

First and foremost, easy cycling depends on having a bicycle that is properly adjusted and in good running order. The next factor of major importance is the attitude of the rider, or rather, the attitudes—mental and physical—of the rider.

It is no good setting off for a ride wondering whether it will end in a flop." The right attitude of mind is an intention to go for a ride because riding is pleasant, and a determination to keep it pleasant.

Then, on starting off for a ride if the saddle and handlebar are in the wrong position, forcing the rider to "sit up and beg" all the time. Now don't misunderstand me. I do not suggest that we should all adopt racing positions. All we have to do is to see that our bodies are properly placed, with our arms nearly straight, and our bodies leaning slightly forward on them.

Many a promising ride ends before it really begins, because the rider is afraid to take it easy when he is feeling fresh. Too many people are afraid of walking up hills when they have just set out for the day. Because they are not energetic riders careering gaily uphill they think that they themselves ought to keep in the saddle. But it is far better to walk every appreciable hill in the early stages of a ride. An old saying among cycle tourists is that every hill that can be walked in the morning means two ridden in the evening.

Riding for Pleasure.

Another important feature of the tourist's mental attitude is disregard for the clock. He must set off thinking of the distance he intends to do. He does not think when he has ridden ten miles that he still has, say, 68 to cover. He takes each mile as it comes, and enjoys it. He is out for pleasure, not for records. When he feels tired he rests.

Tiredness, when cycling, is very often a disguised form of hunger. Every experienced rider can recall occasions in his early days when he felt that he had bitten off more than he could chew, but had not really tackled enough to be literally tired. So, when your spirits begin to droop, and you begin to doubt whether you will be able to manage the rest of the journey, tell yourself that it does not matter whether you can or not finish the ride, have a sandwich or (if you can get it) a bar of chocolate. You will be surprised at the rejuvenation it produces. A cup of tea served outside a roadside hut is also a wonderful restorative, but big meals should be avoided.

Riding alone does not force himself, but stops occasionally for a short rest and a snack, is never knocked up. At the end of the day he is filled with the healthy fatigue—not weariness—that comes from the right measure of exercise in the fresh air. He sleeps well. He is risen refreshed. His faculties are unimpaired. He is a better man than he used to be. He has had a real holiday.

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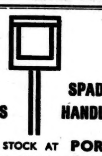

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INSECT PLAGUE

HOUSEHOLDERS CAN HELP

There has been an insect plague in Ramsgate during the past few weeks and many people have suffered from the bites of mosquitoes and flying ants.

The plague is to a certain extent due to the supplies of standing water kept for fire-fighting purposes, which helps to breed the insects.

Prevention is better than cure and the best preventive is to change the water at least once a week. Where this is not possible the water can be treated in various ways, as indicated by a Health Department announcement in our publicity columns.

LAUGHTER AND DRAMA

BING CROSBY AT KING'S

Laughter, drama and suspense each have a part in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

"Road to Zanzibar," which heads the bill for the first half of the week, presents Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Bing and Bob are a couple of carnival men barnstorming through Africa, trying to raise enough money to get back home. They become prank-playing rivals when Dorothy Lamour comes into their lives, clad in a dress made of fern leaves. Captured by cannibals, Bing and Bob find themselves on menu "special." Then the fun really begins. Romance and melody mingle with the comedy element and the supporting cast includes Una Merkel and Eric Blore.

Also being screened is "Five Little Peppers in Trouble," starring Edith Fellows, which continues the adventures of the Pepper children.

Set against a background of war in Europe, "Escape to Glory," featuring Pat O'Brien and Constance Bennett, will be shown for the second half of the week. Impending war in Europe sends Americans scurrying homeward and on board the s.s. Glen Inniston, among others, are an American manufacturer, a district attorney, a gangster, a German scientist and a soldier of fortune being deported as undesirable. War breaks out when the vessel is in mid-Atlantic and the subsequent developments include a submarine attack.

The days of wagon freighting on the American plains, a colourful page from the history of the pre-railroad west is the theme of "Doomed Caravan," which will also be shown. William Boyd, Russell Hayden and Andy Clyde head the cast.

FOURTH CANDIDATE

FOR BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL VACANCY

A fourth candidate has been nominated for the vacancy on Broadstairs Council caused by the death of Councillor J. A. Forde.

He is Mr. Octavius Robinson, of Lyndale, Lyndhurst-avenue.

Other candidates who have consented to nomination are Mr. Lewis Harrison, of St. Peter's, Mrs. Holden, widow of Councillor W. V. Holden, and Mr. A. H. Stewart, of Granville-road.

Nominations close on 27th September.

TOP BOY'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER

British Air Attaché to the Embassy at Washington, Air-Comdre. H. N. Thornton has been assigned to the United States air forces now taking part in the American Army autumn manœuvres in Louisiana.

Old Ruymians have always taken a particular interest in the distinguished career of Air-Comdre. Thornton, who until recently was British Air Attaché in Sweden and previously represented Great Britain in Belgium and Holland, as he was the first top boy of the County School when it was established at Clarendon House. His name has been perpetuated at Chatham House School as one of the houses is still known as Thornton's.

The family connection with Ramsgate has also been maintained as his mother has resided in the town during the greater part of the war and his sister is Mrs. T. Kemp, of Grove-road.

DEATH OF MISS E. M. STILLWELL

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Birchington, last week, of Miss Emma Maria Stillwell, who passed away at her home, No. 74 Epple Bay-road, Birchington, at the age of 87.

Before coming to Birchington from Birmingham 13 years ago, Miss Stillwell was a member of the Board of Guardians at King's Norton and took a prominent part in the Girls' Friendly Society movement.

While at Birchington Miss Stillwell had been looked after by her companion, Miss J. Bew. Last year her relatives persuaded her to leave the town owing to her failing health, but she insisted on returning in July of this year.

The Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp conducted the funeral service and the mourners were Miss A. Stillwell (sister), Mr. and Mrs. C. Stillwell, Major E. W. D. Stillwell, Miss J. Bew, Miss Ody, Mrs. Gittens and Mrs. Bunn.

Churchwardens' Offer

ST. PETER'S CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

Controversy continues regarding the vicariate at St. Peter's of the Rev. L. F. H. Hamel-Smith, who is on service as an Army chaplain.

Following publication in a recent issue of a letter from a firm of solicitors acting on behalf of the Vicar, the churchwardens, Mr. Lewis Harrison and Councillor H. Noble, write to the Editor as follows:

Sir,—With reference to the letters which have recently appeared in the local Press concerning the relations existing between the Vicar and parishioners of St. Peter's, we stand by the case submitted by the Parochial Church Council, and furthermore, desire it to be known that we have already offered, and are still willing, to meet under the Bishop's supervision, and, in the presence of the Vicar, to state our case and to submit to the Bishop's decision.

PLUMP WIFE WANTED

BACHELOR'S REQUEST TO MAYOR

Wanted. A wife, preferably plump, for a bachelor, aged 36, with £500 in the bank, a fully furnished home, and a good position. Apply the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare).

In peace-time Mayors of seaside towns not infrequently adopt the role of matrimonial agent.

In a letter addressed to "His right worship, The Mayor, Margate," the aspiring bridegroom writes: "I have heard and read that you have brought together, in most cases, now happily married couples. I am looking for a young lady of refinement and education, approximately 23 to 25 years of age. I do not object to a widow. Preferably I would like one on the plump side, but not necessary."

After giving the details enumerated above, and adding that he possesses a college education, hopeful bachelor proceeds: "I trust you will be able to put me in touch with someone. I am willing to give all particulars, without fear or favour. I would be pleased to go to Margate, if you so suggest, or I would pay expenses if it is necessary for an appointment in London."

Now, girls, what do you think about it? Perhaps you're right.

LOSS ON ELECTRICITY

A CASE FOR GOVERNMENT AID

If the Electricity Commissioners sanction the application of the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Company to increase their charges by 50 per cent. above pre-war rates, the charge to flat-rate consumers will be 9d. per unit.

Last year the charges were increased twice, first by 15 per cent. and later by 33⅓ per cent.

Reviewing the position when the Margate and Broadstairs Joint Committee decided to oppose any further increase Councillor E. Dixon, of Margate, said that according to the company's figures for the last four quarters, an increase in charges to 50 per cent. (8d. to 9d. per unit) would only reduce the deficit from £8,233 to £3,345, on the assumption that there was no further reduction in consumers or the average number of units consumed.

"The position of the electricity undertaking is by accident in the hands of a public company," said Councillor Dixon. "It might better have been a municipal undertaking. In that case the charges would have been stabilised at a reasonable figure, probably based on pre-war rates, and the loss would have been made good out of the general rate of the borough, and under present conditions, as it happens, by Government grant. This, in my opinion, forms a ground on which the company can justifiably appeal for a similar form of aid as a public utility company, operating under very adverse conditions as compared with other companies at inland, prosperous towns."

Beyond Their Control.

The position of the company was due entirely to reasons beyond their control and beyond the control of the consumers. While opposing any further increase in charges, he considered that the promise made by the Government to assist and help public utility companies should now be realised, and the Government urged to take definite action to deal with that particular case and other similar public companies, so that no further increase should fall on the public in the distressed defence areas such as Margate and Broadstairs.

The Company's application to the Electricity Commissioners states "I desire to stress the point that in making this application my Board are under no illusion that, if granted, it would enable them to maintain profits, of which they see no possibility whilst the war continues. Their sole purpose in seeking the increase at the present time is to enable the Company, as far as possible, to meet its obligatory and standing charges."

EBORN—GIBSON

MARGATE COUPLE WED AT HAMMERSMITH

The wedding took place recently at St. Peter's Church, Hammersmith, of Mr. Wilfred Eborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eborn, of Hammersmith, and formerly of Victoria-road, Margate, to Miss Betty Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibson, of Hastings-avenue, Margate.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory lace and carried a bouquet of red carnations. Her bridesmaid was Miss G. Eborn, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a pink taffeta dress with a posy of pink and white carnations.

Mr. A. Eborn, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Bursher.

PUNCH AND BEAUTY

"Punch and Beauty" is the apt title of the brilliant stage show at the Stoll Theatre, Kingsway, this week.

The stars include Jack Doyle and Movita, Douglas Byng, and Rawicz and Landauer.

Performances will be given twice daily at 3 and 6.30 p.m. and the prices of admission range from 1s. 3d. to 5s.

Ex-Mayor and Surgeon

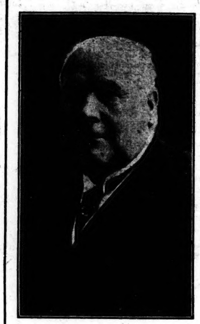
HONOURED BY MARGATE

Two men who, in different spheres, have contributed largely to Margate's reputation as a health resort are to receive the honorary freedom of the borough.

They are Alderman Frederick Lewis Pettman and Mr. William Greenwood Sutcliffe, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.

Recently Alderman Pettman completed 20 years continuous service on the Town Council and at the age of 78 he is still one of the most energetic members. He holds the important position of chairman of the Watch Committee and he is also a member of that select body, the War Emergency Committee.

One of Margate's most successful business men, Alderman Pettman started work by helping his mother carry on a bathing machine business at Newgate Gap. Alderman Pettman developed the undertaking until "Pettman's Bathing Establishment," which extended to Walpole Bay, was known to thousands of holidaymakers throughout the country. The undertaking was acquired by the Council a few years ago.



Alderman F. L. Pettman.

Other business enterprises for which Alderman Pettman was responsible were furniture removal, coal and coke, ice manufacture and photography.

Since his co-option to Margate Education Committee in 1913, the education service in Margate owes a debt to Alderman Pettman. He was chairman of the committee of the first central school to be opened in Kent and the school now bears his name.

In 1916 Alderman Pettman was co-opted on to the Town Council and his work as chairman of the Health Committee will long be remembered. He was largely responsible for the modernisation of the drainage system, which was recently completed.

Tribute to his services to the town was paid in 1931 when he was raised to the aldermanic bench and he occupied the mayoral chair from 1932 to 1935. For 14 years Alderman Pettman has been one of the Margate representatives on the Kent County Council and he is a justice of the peace for the borough and Cinque Ports divisions

Forty Years' Service to Hospital.

Mr. Sutcliffe and Margate Hospital are almost synonymous terms. Since 1899 he has been an honorary member of the medical staff of the hospital and thousands of patients who have passed through the wards owe their good health to his skill as a surgeon. He was appointed medical superintendent upon the death of Dr. Robert Thomson and for three years he was president of the old Cottage Hospital. His great services were again recognised in 1935 when he became president of the new hospital.

For over 40 years Mr. Sutcliffe, who is at present in charge of a casualty hospital at Dover, has been president of Margate Ambulance Corps.

The presentations of the scrolls of freedom will probably be made following the mayor-making ceremony on 11th November.

GIFT TO RECTOR'S DEPUTIES

MR. AND MRS. HIND TAKE UP WORK AT MINSTER

Having concluded their four months' engagement at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hind left the parish this week-end to take up assistant duties with the Rev. A. W. MacMichael, Vicar of Minster.

During their stay at Holy Trinity as deputies for the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Culmer, the former now happily restored to health after a long illness, Mr. and Mrs. Hind have made many new friends, who recently showed their regard by presenting them with a sum of money as a parting gift.

In a personal letter sent to each of the numerous subscribers, the recipients expressed their deep appreciation of the generous recognition of their short but happy term of service and also acknowledged the warm welcome and ready assistance accorded by the parishioners at all times.

Mr. F. P. Hind was formerly in practice as a masseur at Chapel-place, Ramsgate. Failing eyesight and the closing of his establishment as a result of the war led to his seeking a change of profession, and his many friends with learn with pleasure that he and his wife are finding encouraging scope for their undoubted usefulness in parochial work, and will wish them further success in their new task in an assistant capacity to the Vicar of Minster.

JOINT ACTION

ASSISTANCE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Hardship caused to property owners by demands for war damage insurance will be considered at a meeting of the representatives of Ramsgate and Margate Town Councils and Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council, to be held at Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, to-day.

A deputation from the three authorities is shortly to make representations to the appropriate Government department and the meeting will discuss suggestions as to means by which relief might be granted.

VILLAGE CINDERELLAS

RELIEVE RAMSGATE DISTRESS

BUT DANCE A FEW MINUTES AFTER CURFEW

"Distress Fund Dance.—A successful dance was held at the Village Hall, St. Nicholas, on Monday (18th August), organised by Mr. F. W. West in aid of Ramsgate Distress Fund. Music was provided by a military dance band."—Report in "Isle of Thanet Gazette," 22nd August.

At Ramsgate County police court on Tuesday Miss Ann Broadley, of Streete House, St. Nicholas, who is secretary of the committee of the Village Hall, was summoned for not complying with a direction issued by the Regional Commissioner that the hall should be closed to the public at 10 p.m. on 18th August.

Frederick William West, of the Bakery, St. Nicholas, was summoned for aiding and abetting her.

The prosecution alleged that the hall was not finally closed until 10.20 p.m.

Miss Broadley, represented by Mr. C. C. Maughan, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. West, who was not represented, pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

Hired the Hall.

P/C Blaymire, K.C.C., said a dance at the Village Hall was in progress until 10.10 p.m. The music ceased at 10.12 and about 50 people left between 10.15 and 10.20. When he entered the hall, Mr. West, whom he saw, said "I called time at 10 o'clock and we packed up before 10.15." When he subsequently saw Miss Broadley, who was secretary of the committee, she told him she was not personally responsible as Mr. West had hired the hall.

Mr. Maughan: At what time did you say the dance stopped?—At 10.12.

You have never had any trouble with this hall before have you?—Yes sir.

Inspr. Belsey, K.C.C.: Did the dance finish as a consequence of your entry or before?—I think it finished just about the time I got to the door before my actual entry.

West: The constable walked in watch in hand at 10.16. There were then none of the public in the hall, only the band and myself.

P/C Blaymire agreed that the people who had been dancing had left by then.

West: The "King" was being played at 10.8.

Archibald John Hughes, head special constable at St. Nicholas, who was on duty in the street, said the dance ceased at 10.12 and, after P/C Blaymire had entered, the hall was closed at 10.20. A soldier entered after 10 p.m.

Sharp on Time.

Mr. Maughan: You were pretty sharp on time?—We looked at our watches.

You were on the look-out for it?—No.

Did you see Miss Broadley?—No, I did not enter the hall.

George Henry Gore, a special constable, who was also on duty in the street, said the dance went on until approximately 10.15. Troops entered the hall after 10 p.m. and the hall was finally closed at 10.20.

Mr. Maughan: The previous witness said one soldier went in after 10 o'clock.

Witness: There were several soldiers went in between 10.10 and 10.12.

Mr. Maughan: Do you know what the dance was being run for?—Yes, for some charitable cause, I do not know what.

Who organised it?—I understand Mr. West and Miss Broadley.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight); Or was it a committee?—I do not know.

How many people entered after 10 o'clock?—I should not like to state any number but there were troops entering.

Two, three or four?—I would not like to say.

H/S/C Hughes, recalled, said he did not know how many soldiers entered the hall after 10 p.m. as he did not count them. He thought it was about half a dozen.

Inspr. Belsey: Did you see anybody leave the hall after 10 p.m.?—No.

Mr. Knight: How many people do you think were there?—I don't know. It was very dark. I expect there were a hundred or more.

Back to Normal.

Mr. Knight: At any rate at 10.20 St. Nicholas resumed its normal state of peace and quiet?—Yes.

After Inspr. Belsey had announced that this closed the evidence for the prosecution, Mr. Maughan pointed out that no evidence had been called to show that Miss Broadley had anything at all to do with the entertainment or was implicated in any way. He therefore asked that the summons against her should be dismissed.

The magistrates—Mr. W. Booth Reeve in the chair, Capt. A. C. Hatfeild, Mr. J. H. A. Smith and Mr. A. Horsey—dismissed the case against Miss Broadley and the chairman announced that the case against West would be dismissed with a caution.

West enquired whether they were entitled to a half-hour extension.

The chairman: Not unless you make application for it.

Remarking that they had heard there had been trouble at the hall before, the chairman, addressing West, added "The bench desire me to say that they hope you will conform strictly to the regulations in future."

FILMS ABOUT BANKS

W. C. FIELDS AT ODEON

All tastes are catered for by the varied programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Safe-cracking and wisecracking go side by side in "The Bank Detective," starring W. C. Fields, which is being shown to-day and to-morrow. To reveal the plot would be to spoil the fun, which is fast and furious from beginning to end. For a supporting cast the star has Una Merkel, Dick Purcell, Shemp Howard, Franklin Fangborn and Cora Witherspoon.

The second full-length feature being shown is "Gallant Sons," which relates the adventures of a group of high-school students who turn amateur detectives to trace a murder, that the father of one of their group may be cleared of the crime. A mature romance is powerfully presented by Gail Patrick and Ian Hunter and the clever youngsters in the cast include Jackie Cooper and Gene Reynolds.

"The Penalty," which will head the bill for the second half of the week, is the story of a boy who, as a gangster's son, is reared in the fierce code of the underworld. Aiding his father in an escape after a bank robbery he is captured by G-men. He is to be sent to a reform school when a young farmer agrees to take him on parole. Amid the simple people of the farmlands he learns new values in life and is torn between loyalty to his bandit father and the old farmer who wins his love and trust. Edward Arnold, Lionel Barrymore and Gene Reynolds head the cast.

The silver-voiced buckaroo, Fred Scott, stars in "The Rangers Round Up," which will also be shown.

A SECOND YEAR

FOR MARGATE MAYOR

The Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare) is to continue in office for a second year.

A private meeting of members of the Town Council to consider the mayoralty was held on Tuesday.

Councillor F. J. Cornford, of Westgate, was nominated but the

majority favoured a second term for Alderman Hoare, who has accepted the invitation.

The formal election will take place as usual on 9th November.

DIED FROM WOUNDS

VICTIM OF BATTLE OF CRETE

After being for two months a prisoner of war in a hospital in Crete, Gnr. Thomas Walter Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hughes, of No. 11 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, died from his wounds.

In July Mr. and Mrs. Hughes received official intimation from the War Office that their son was missing from 2nd June.

A few weeks ago they heard that he was lying wounded in a hospital in Crete but last week came the sad news that he died from his wounds on 30th July. An orderly at the hospital sent a letter to Mrs. Hughes telling her of her son's passing.

Gnr. Hughes, who was 23 years of age, was an old boy of St. George's School. He was afterwards employed by Messrs. Freeman, Hardy and Willis. He joined the Territorial Army in April, 1939, and after mobilisation the following August served with a Royal Artillery battery in this country before going to the Middle East last December.

SEVEN SONS ON SERVICE

A MARGATE RECORD

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Parker, of High-street, Margate, have seven sons serving with H.M. Forces.

They are Bert, aged 38, who was in the Margate Artillery before the war and is now in the Middle East; Tom, aged 33, is with a searchlight unit in England; Bob, aged 30, is in England with The Buffs; Pat, aged 28, is with The Buffs in the Middle East; Fred, aged 26, is with a light anti-aircraft battery in England; John, aged 22, is in the Navy serving on a cruiser; and Ben, aged 21, is in The Buffs.

Of their two sons-in-law, Fred Frewin, of High-street, Margate, a well-known dart player, is a sergeant in the R.A.F., and Harry Harrison, of Brockley-road, Margate, who was in the Army during the last war is now serving in the Home Guard. The latter's son, Sergt. Harry Harrison, aged 19, is in The Buffs and will be remembered as goalkeeper of Margate Thursday Football Club.

CRIPPLE'S UNLICENSED CHAIR

A cripple of the last war, Ernest Martin, of St. James's Park-road, Garlinge, walked into court on crutches at Margate on Wednesday and admitted that he drove a motor invalid chair without a license at Westgate.

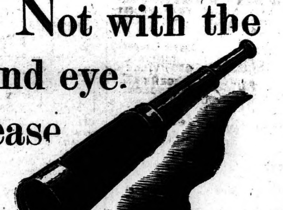
Martin explained that he was taking the chair out for a trial and had an application form for a license in his pocket.

The Chief Constable said that when defendant had a slight accident while driving the chair it was found that the license expired in September, 1940.

"I was bound to take proceedings," added the Chief Constable, "but there are extenuating circumstances. Defendant is a cripple of the last war and his income is restricted. The British Red Cross usually see to these things for him."

The bench agreed to the suggestion of the Chief Constable and dismissed the case under the Probation Act.

Not with the blind eye. please



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Do you ever try to get more than your ration? Or accept more if offered? If so you are taking food which the country is counting on. Don't believe that a little doesn't matter, or that "the extra" will be wasted if you don't take it. Many littles make a lot, and faults in distribution cannot be found and corrected if they are covered up by cheating the ration.

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Do you ever shop-crawl? That is, go from shop to shop trying to buy a little here and a little there of some food which is scarce? This means that you are depriving people who have not as much leisure as yourself of their fair share.

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Do you ever pay more than control prices, or pay unfairly high prices for foods that are not price controlled? Again you deprive people not so well off as yourself. Further, you encourage shopkeepers to buy at fancy prices from speculators; black markets and food gangsters are the result.

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Do you ever waste food of any description? A bread crust, an outside cabbage leaf, little bits of left-overs, seem small in themselves. Multiplied by the entire population —45,000,000—they amount to many tons of wasted food.

Waste of food involves waste of the nation's resources in money and in shipping space, for much of the waste has to be made good by importation. Worse, it may involve waste of seamen's lives.

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Do you neglect to produce all the food you can or to preserve foods whilst they are plentiful? This is another form of waste and it too plays Hitler's game.

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Food is part of the fight—food must be conserved as ammunition is conserved in a beleaguered city.

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THE LOCAL TRADER

AND THE THREAT TO HIS SURVIVAL

By FRANCIS W. HIRST

Ever since the beginning of the war I have entered, from time to time as occasion offered, energetic protests against the wasteful extensions of Government control; for I have realised from the first how seriously the red-tape regulations of officials, often incompetent and inexperienced, in business or agriculture, have hampered our war effort and damaged the output and distribution of goods. The correspondence columns of many newspapers have teemed with similar protests and grievances.

But for the most part complaints, however well justified, have fallen on deaf ears in the Whitehall departments and the offices of the new controllers. The Board of Trade, which has engineered most of the mischief, is so well pleased with the results that its late President, Capt. Lyttelton, just before he left for his appointment in Egypt, made a speech declaring the war-time system to be so good that it would certainly have to be extended into the period after the peace.

Other officials and ministers have issued similar warnings, though the Prime Minister himself has given a definite pledge that after the peace the liberties of which the country has been deprived during the war will be fully restored.

It would indeed be a hideous paradox if the war in which we engaged on behalf of liberty and democracy in foreign countries were to end in the loss of our own.

During the last few weeks, however, in Parliament and in the press and at public meetings, there have been some notable signs of a revival of that healthy spirit of individual independence which is the main source of our national strength. This revival may be attributed partly to the Board of Trade's telescoping of industries policy, which will create monopolies and industrial combinations by extinguishing individual independent firms, and partly to Lord Woolton's announcement that the small independent shopkeepers are to be eliminated on the pretext of facilitating and cheapening his rationing schemes.

The Burden of Proof.

The prospect of individual reward and the concomitant risk of individual loss are essential to efficiency, initiative, the avoidance of waste, and progress in production, trade and commerce. In war-time it should be laid down as a general rule that the burden of proof lies upon those who propose extensions of bureaucratic control and the multiplication of jobs in the Civil Service. When peace comes, all the war-time controls should be demobilised with all possible speed in order to restore trade and save the taxpayers from wholly unnecessary burdens.

Both sections of the Liberal Party have recently lodged protests against the growth of bureaucracy, and Conservative opinion is manifesting its uneasiness both in Parliament and in the chambers of commerce.

The monopolistic tendencies which were operating before the war and which are being accentuated by present conditions are viewed with grave concern by many, who in particular deplore the driving out of the independent trader, as representing such an essential element in the local community, and who, while recognising that all personal interest must yield to the national needs, demand a square deal for him. Evidence of the agitation against Lord Woolton's decrees and the action of the Board of Trade is provided by a powerful protest launched by the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce against Government measures which aim at putting small shopkeepers out of business. The Liverpool Chamber framed a reply of disapproval to questions received from the Government, and invited 35 other large Chambers of Commerce to follow suit. In the course of its reply Liverpool stated:

"The war is being used too readily as an excuse for the advance to theoretical ideas which are at variance with moderate opinion and which under more normal conditions would fail to be supported. It is not considered that the adoption of such a scheme as outlined would serve to promote the war effort one iota. Its effect on morale generally would be unfavourable.

"It is regarded as embodying proposals which are uneconomical and detrimental to the rights of all classes of consumers."

It will be seen that the two powerful arguments against the development of a bureaucratic collectivism (which bears a close family resemblance to the National Socialism of Germany) are first, that its adoption will not promote the war effort, but will be unfavourable thereto, and secondly, that the proposals are not only subversive of sound economy but are "detrimental to the rights of all classes of consumers." The Ministers and high officials who sponsor this comprehensive project would have us believe that their decrees and regulations, enforced by pains and penalties before magistrates, are in the interests of consumers and are directed against profiteers.

Consumer's Only Safeguard.

But how can the extinction of the competition of small independent shopkeepers for the benefit of a new monopoly of chain stores be of benefit to local consumers who are compelled to buy at one big monopoly shop instead of having recourse to the local shopkeeper who is their friend and understands their needs?

And how can the consumer be benefited by the extinction of the private independent firms whose competition prevented any exorbitant rise in prices and helped to maintain the quality as well as the quantity of supplies?

Competition, indeed, is not only the lifeblood of commerce and enterprise, but the only real safeguard for the consumer, who would otherwise be forced to approach on his knees his own paid servants, the controllers of trade, for such favours as they choose to dole out.

In time of peace the encroachments of bureaucracy and monopoly under a system of protective tariffs are comparatively slow and stealthy, and the suppression of free markets at home cannot easily be undertaken. But the war has altered all this. The laws of Parliament have been abrogated or suspended. Their place has been taken by departmental decrees and regulations which have the practical force of law and are but rarely invalidated by the courts.

The process of undermining individual liberty and the rights of individual traders can only be arrested by public opinion. Lord Woolton has evidently felt its force; for he now denies that his sweeping decrees were intended to exterminate the small village shopkeeper. But such concessions are quite inadequate.

The march of monopoly must not be tolerated. It was successfully resisted by our ancestors in the days of Elizabeth and the Stuarts.

If modern democracy cannot prevail against modern bureaucracy, it is doomed.

WHEN THE VICAR WAS CURSED

Specimens of metal work turned out by trainees under the Government scheme for training men and women as munition workers were displayed at the Ramsgate Rotary Club luncheon on Tuesday, when Rotarian H. T. Laslett gave an address on the subject.

Mr. Laslett not only explained the type of tools and instruments trainees would be called upon to use but also gave a practical demonstration with the aid of lathe and cutting tools.

Further details of the scheme were supplied by Mr. A. Horsey, manager of the Ramsgate Employment Exchange, and the Vicar of Ramsgate, Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, who thanked Mr. Laslett, mentioned that he began his life in an engineering shop where his first job was to cut lengths from a bar of hardened steel.

As he invented a means by which he could cut off 250 lengths in an hour or two, and the pay was one penny per dozen, the Vicar said he was heartily cursed by the foreman because he was only allowed to earn 7s. 6d. a week and therefore had to waste most of his time.

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RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Earlier Services.—In future the Sunday evening service at the Ramsgate Congregational Church will be held at 3.30 instead of 6.30 p.m.

When you are passing 47 Queen Street—pause, and just look in the window. The goods are very attractive and there may be the very thing you want. Apply at Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Christ Church Sick Club.—The Rev. P. M. Townend will preside at the annual meeting of Christ Church Sick Club, to be held at the Centenary Hall, Hardres-street, Ramsgate, at 4.15 p.m. on 4th October.

Whist Drives.—Whist Drives in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troops Comforts Fund are held at Clarendon House Gymnasium every Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets 1s. Come and spend a pleasant evening in a pleasant hall.

Diphtheria Immunisation.—Since the Health Department scheme was introduced in December last 255 children living in Ramsgate have been immunised against diphtheria. The service is performed free and it is a duty which every parent owes to its child living in the town.

First-Aid Post Whist.—A successful whist drive was held at the Ramsgate Health Centre first-aid post on Thursday evening, when there was a good attendance of the personnel doing duty at the post. Prizes were distributed by Nurse L. Henshaw, the nurse in charge of the post, to Miss M. Wilkening, Mrs. Brooks, Nurse L. Russell, Mrs. G. Solly, Mr. H. W. Waters, Dr. W. B. Loveless, and Mrs. A. Parsons. Travelling prizes were won by Nurse Wallington and Mr. A. I. Elliott.

Templar Harvest.—The Advance Lodge, I.O.G.T., held a harvest festival meeting at the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, last week. Harvest gifts were afterwards sold and the proceeds are being sent to the Temperance Orphanage at Sunbury-on-Thames. Mrs. R. A. Watt, Chief Templar, presided, and an address was given by the Rev. F. J. Bomford. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Marsden on the death of her husband, Mr. E. Marsden.

Iron and Steel Railings to Go.—In connection with the scheme for their collection and disposal by the Ministry of Supply a schedule is now being prepared by Ramsgate Town Council of all iron and steel railings, gates, posts, chains, bollards and similar articles in the borough. The removal of any railings of historical interest or special artistic merit can be avoided by the owner lodging an appeal against their inclusion with the Town Clerk before 8th October.

Mr. D. M. Hughes, secretary of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, has been appointed to attend the October meeting of the Kent Federation of Trades Councils at Sevenoaks.

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NO. 1 ON THE REGISTER

BUT HIS SON LET HIM DOWN

Because his son failed to keep a proper register, Christopher Marriott, aged 61, marine store dealer, of Central-road, appeared before the Ramsgate magistrates on Monday.

Marriott was summoned for failing correctly to enter in a book the description and price of a quantity of lead purchased by him, and the name, address and occupation of the person from whom he purchased it, on 9th August.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

D/C Honey said that on 9th August, in company with D/C Hopper, he visited defendant's store in Central-road and saw a quantity of lead, some of which answered the description of lead which had been stolen. Defendant's son, George, was in attendance at the store, and failed to produce a register showing an entry concerning the lead. He later saw defendant at Coleswood Cottage, Haine, when Marriott told him that following the heavy bombing he left the business in charge of his son, George, who was in partnership with him.

If It Had Been Murder.

Defendant told the magistrates that his son bought the metal and failed to make the proper entry. He admitted he was the proprietor of the business.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): Then you are responsible.

Defendant: If my son commits a murder am I responsible for the crime?

The Clerk: No, but you are responsible for seeing that the register is kept.

Defendant said while he was in charge of the business he kept a register. His son must have forgotten it.

The Clerk; Don't you see how difficult it is for the police to trace these things unless a record is kept? It is in your own interests to register these purchases. You have been in business long enough to know that.

Defendant: Yes, all my life. All the time I was there I kept a register.

Defendant said his son, who was 32, had been in the business since a boy but had only been in charge during the past 12 months.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant's health broke down as a result of a raid on Ramsgate in August the previous year and he had since lived at Haine. They wanted publicity given to the fact that the Order, under which the proceedings were taken, was adopted by the local authority so that the police could exercise better supervision. This particular lead answered the description of some stolen from a bombed building which belonged to the Corporation following the raid to which he had referred and if a record had been kept it might have been possible to trace the thief. The police had a register of all dealers in the town and Marriott was No. 1 on the register. Under the Order, which was adopted in 1927, the police could inspect stores at all reasonable times. Defendant had been a "good old stick" to the police, and he was not pressing for a conviction.

Announcing that the case would be dismissed on payment of 4s. costs, the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said that while bombing was going on there were a lot of goods lying about and if there were no receivers there would not be so many thieves.

KEPT BUSY

SANITARY INSPECTORS' WAR-TIME JOBS

Last year it was not possible to carry out the normal routine work of the Sanitary Department at Ramsgate.

Nevertheless, the Sanitary Inspectors, Messrs. E. Young, senior inspector, T. L. Martin and F. Brown, had plenty of work to do in connection with A.R.P. to keep them busy. Their jobs included:

organising squads for the decontamination of protective and civilian clothing;

arranging for dealing with food in the event of poison gas being used;

examining food damaged by enemy action;

attendance at the temporary mortuary;

assisting the Town Clerk in rehousing persons rendered homeless;

assisting the Borough Surveyor regarding first-aid repairs of damaged houses;

visiting elderly people in order to persuade them to evacuate the town.

Their department was also responsible for the allocation of permits for bunks and cubicles in the deep tunnel shelters.

In his annual report, Dr. J. V. Walker, the Medical Officer, referring to the extra duties undertaken by Mr. Young and his assistants with regard to anti-gas precautions in respect of foodstuffs and the cleansing of protective clothing after contamination with gas and the training of the necessary personnel, says "these schemes have borne fruit since the period covered by this report but the plans were laid and the preparations made in 1940."

Little Short of Deplorable.

In connection with his A.R.P. duties, Mr. Young mentions in his annual report that one aspect which assumed importance towards the end of 1940 was the conditions existing in the tunnel shelters.

"Many notable people came to inspect them," he writes, "and no doubt their influence, coupled with the strenuous efforts of the Public Health Department staff, resulted in adequate powers being conferred upon the Corporation in 1941 to deal with conditions which in some cases were only little short of being deplorable."

The Sanitary Inspectors made 156 visits to the tunnels and at the end of the year were actively engaged in introducing a system to secure the proper identification of the persons resorting to them.

The inspectors also made 356 visits to sick and aged persons in connection with the scheme for their evacuation and 62 visits were paid during 1940 to the war emergency mortuary, of which Mr. Young acted as superintendent.

In every case where damage was sustained by shops or other premises containing foodstuffs the inspectors made a thorough inspection of the stock to determine its fitness for human food.

Rather surprisingly, in view of the prevailing conditions, the report shows that at the end of 1940 105 people in the borough were dwelling in 17 overcrowded houses.

Although the routine work was limited during the year, 5,960 inspections were carried out under the Public Health and other Acts, regulations and orders, and 211 complaints were received and dealt with.

BOMBED BUT HEALTHY

HOW LIFE GOES ON IN RAMSGATE

MEDICAL OFFICER'S HISTORIC REPORT

An historic document which will be regarded in years to come as a standard work of reference concerning life in Ramsgate during the first 16 months of the war, the annual report for 1940 of Dr. J. V. Walker, the Borough Medical Officer of Health, just published, reveals that at the end of June and beginning of July last year the order for compulsory evacuation was expected daily.

Covering the successive phases of the war which dominated and modified local life in 1940, the report deals with the magnificent way in which the inhabitants rose to the occasion during the evacuation of Dunkirk, and the problems created, notably in connection with the tunnel shelters, by the heavy bombing of the town.

More particularly concerned with the effects of war-time conditions upon the health of the inhabitants, Dr. Walker is able to record that the year came to an end without any serious epidemic disease breaking out. The death roll from all causes was 16·9 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 14·3 for England and Wales and 17·8 for London.

The Static Phase.

Although Dr. Walker, who came to Ramsgate from Bootle a month after the outbreak of war as assistant medical officer and assistant school medical officer, did not officially take over his present duties until the resignation of Dr. W. J. Bannister on 30th June, 1940, his report goes back to the early months of the year when, corresponding to the static phase of hostilities in the first winter, there was a return in Ramsgate to "a condition not far removed from normality."

In a few sentences, Dr. Walker presents the picture of the calm that preceded the storm. Reminders of the war were provided by occasional air raid alerts and the arrival now and again of survivors from disasters at sea. Routine administration was caried on, somewhat increased in scope by the presence of soldiers billeted in the town and by additional duties of food inspection. There was a mild epidemic of rubella and sporadic cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis, but the latter were never on a scale to cause serious alarm, nor was there the expected outbreak of measles.

A new duty in which the Health Department took an ever-increasing part during this time of quiet was the intensive training of the A.R.P. casualty personnel, an insurance which amply repaid itself in later months. Weekly exercises for first-aid party leaders were undertaken, together with special lectures upon their duties and responsibilities. Larger combined exercises were also arranged in co-operation with the A.R.P. services generally.

Dr. Walker records that when the German invasion of the Low Countries brought the war appreciably nearer, the first possibility of the evacuation of the town, or part of it, was discussed.

Disembarking From Dunkirk.

"But the changed tempo of the war," he writes, "may be said to have caught up Ramsgate into its stride as from Monday, 20th May, when preliminary notice was received of the proposed evacuation from Dunkirk. The following ten days showed an activity of disembarkation which rose to a climax at the week-end of 25th-26th May, and subsequently declined.

"During it all the services of the town for which this department is responsible, or with which it is associated, were fully employed. All the doctors attended as required to give first-aid to casualties, and were assisted by the health visitors of the Corporation and by first-aid parties, whose excellent work in removing the injured from the ships was recognised by the Regional Authority.

"The Ramsgate General Hospital and Holy Cross Hospital were also fully employed, the record number of in-patients being attained by the former on the night of 1st June.

"**Permanent record should be made of the magnificent way in which so many inhabitants of Ramsgate, and these not all of them the most affluent, rose to the occasion**, providing out of their own spontaneous generosity refreshments and some items of clothing for the troops before any organised canteen was available. Later the Women's Voluntary Service gave valuable aid.

"During the whole of this laborious time there was no aerial bombardment of the town, a source of considerable surprise and of greater satisfaction."

Collapse of France.

After recording the evacuation of the schoolchildren to Stafford and rural areas of Staffordshire on 2nd June, Dr. Walker comes to the next phase of the war which was ushered in by the collapse of France later in June and which may be said to have continued to the end of the year.

"It was characterised," he writes, "by the impending threat of an attempted invasion, by great enemy air activity and not infrequent bombing attacks on the town, by the rise of what may be called the tunnel shelter problem and by certain extensions of the work undertaken by the Health Department, such as its becoming responsible for home nursing in the borough and the establishment of an immunisation scheme against diphtheria and diseases of the typhoid group.

"In view of the possibility of invasion, evacuation of the town was carried out to a considerable extent and for a short time, at the end of June and beginning of July, the order for compulsory evacuation was expected daily."

Not Too Nice.

Reviewing two important aspects of the matter which required different solutions — the evacuation of the elderly and infirm and the evacuation of women and pre-school children, Dr. Walker comments, concerning the former:

"The technique of war as understood by the Germans, especially as influenced by the Nazi ideology, does not include too nice a discrimination of the rights of these members of the community, indeed it extends further than the most 'progressive' ideals of eugenists and the sponsors of euthanasia."

The evacuation of the elderly and infirm was carried out by the Kent County Council under instructions from the Regional authority and the first party of evacuees left for Pembury Hospital on 28th June.

"The local organisation of the scheme," records Dr. Walker, "entailed a good deal of work not merely in collecting the names of persons eligible for evacuation under it but in contacting them and persuading them to accept the amenity offered to them."

In this very considerable undertaking the Senior Sanitary Inspector and the Staff Ambulance Officer of the A.R.P. Casualty Services gave invaluable assistance. Three similar parties of evacuees were sent at later dates to Pembury Hospital, the last on 11th September, since when the scheme has been in abeyance owing to demands from other sources on available accommodation. Pembury Hospital was only a clearing station. Subsequently the evacuees were widely scattered among institutions in Wales and the West of England.

"Some of them and of their friends were perturbed by this remote dispersal," states Dr. Walker, "but they should consider in the first place their lot under the actual conditions of invasion, and secondly the fact that Ramsgate has not, as a result of aerial bombardment, become a salubrious place for elderly and invalid people."

The second problem of women and pre-school children was solved by finding billets for them in the localities already ear-marked as reception areas for the population generally in the event of compulsory evacuation. This was carried out through the Town Clerk's Department and satisfactory billets were found for many families in urban areas to the south-west of London.

"In addition," proceeds Dr. Walker, "many evacuated themselves under their own arrangements, as all who were inessential to the life of the town were urged to do, to friends in other localities. Their efforts were facilitated by the power given to this authority to pay the railway fare of travellers to a 'safe' area, i.e., one not itself scheduled for evacuation, and to pay a billeting allowance.

"When heavy air attacks began on this country in the late summer, a few returned to Ramsgate (which, unfortunately, they were allowed to do), on the grounds that they were safer here than elsewhere, but the success of the evacuation scheme is shown by the fact that whereas the normal resident population of Ramsgate is estimated at over 34,000, at the end of the year it was little if at all in excess of 14,000."

Beginning of the Blitz.

Of Ramsgate's ordeal during the Battle of Britain, Dr. Walker writes:

"The first considerable air attack on Ramsgate took place on Monday, 12th August. It was followed on 24th August by the heaviest attack made in the year, and perhaps the heaviest made up to that date on any British town. The enemy, however, achieved for a considerable expenditure of bombs, remarkably few casualties, though damage to property was heavy.

"Since then, for the rest of the year, intermittent bombing attacks took place, one of them on 2nd November causing a comparable amount of damage to property to that caused on 24th August, but none of them associated with many casualties.

"The first-aid parties throughout showed their mettle and the value of the training they had received and of their experience during the Dunkirk evacuation. Their zeal and efficiency were equalled by all other branches of the A.R.P. services.

"The immediate problems raised by bombing raids were the treatment of the injured and the succour of the homeless. Both were solved without much difficulty through the appropriate channels of first-aid posts and hospital on the one hand and of the Public Assistance on the other.

"But it was throughout recognised that owing to the many empty houses in the town, the latter difficulty in particular was less than it might have been, or might become if heavy raiding were to be continuous, and up to the end of the year various possibilities of providing more extensive rest centres than any at present available were being explored."

Tunnelitis.

Dealing at length with the physical and psychological factors which led to the development at Ramsgate of "tunnelitis," Dr. Walker, whose comments on the subject take the matter up to the end of 1940 when the Council had not yet received the approval of the Regional Commissioner to the regulations now in force, writes:

"The tunnel shelter problem arose directly from the effects of the bombing raids. Several factors contributed to it.

"In the first place the tunnel shelters in Ramsgate undoubtedly provide the safest air raid shelters in the country, if not in the world. A person seeking their protection may truly feel that short of some million-to-one possibility, such as a bomb falling through a ventilating shaft, he is safe.

"Secondly, the geographical position of Ramsgate led to very frequent air raid alerts during the day and also to a tendency for an attack to be made before any warning had been given. Thus, anyone above ground may have felt himself to be in continuous peril, nor was this more than the truth.

"Thirdly, there is the psychological effect of the constant use of such shelters. On the one hand there is the exposure to constant danger, on the other almost perfect safety. A proportion of the population tended to adopt what seemed to them at first sight the easier alternative, and once the temptation to remain below ground was surrendered to it was soon impossible to resist.

"Thus, slowly at first, but as the autumn advanced, more rapidly, an underground population grew up, which seldom came out of the tunnels at all, and which erected shanties below ground to live, more or less, in a 'home from home.' But since under such circumstances no satisfactory home can be made and the worst housing conditions tend to be reproduced, the result was the creation of a slum, as, early in 1941, Lord Horder said.

Troglodyte Existence Unjustified.

"It must be emphasised that the number that took up this troglodyte existence was small compared to the population of the town, and must be differentiated from those who merely used the tunnel to sleep in during the night.

"But though the justification for their behaviour no doubt seemed in their eyes sufficient, in fact it was not so, since all had houses above ground, or could have had them if their own homes had been demolished, and every encouragement had been given to them to leave the town.

"Obviously a person permanently in the tunnels was no good to the town and, one would think, very little to himself, and also he was a potential source of help to the enemy, since his own deficient morale might easily be communicated to others.

"Those who during the day pursued their normal avocations and only retired to the tunnels at night were in a different category. No doubt there are certain parts of the town which have been more heavily attacked than others and inhabitants of them may have felt that they wanted at least undisturbed nights.

"Even so, a danger to health was created by the use they made of the shelters which, though less objectionable than permanent residence therein, was, it must be remembered, ultra vires to their intended use. This was a problem analogous to that which arose in London and other large cities as a result of bombardment.

"Fortunately, 1940 came to an end without any serious epidemic disease breaking out either in the tunnel shelters or elsewhere. Indeed, in spite of everything, the health of the town remained very good.

"Nevertheless, the threat of disease below ground seemed, to this department at least, as great as the danger of bombing above it, and the latter part of the year saw much thought given by the chief officials of the Council, and by the Council itself, to the devising of regulations which should safeguard as far as possible the health of the users of the tunnel shelters and limit, in their own interests, the use to which they put them. At the end of December such regulations had been drawn up and approved by the Council. They were awaiting approval and modification by the Regional Commissioner."

Municipal Home Nursing.

In his review of the year Dr. Walker also reveals that nearly all the staff of the General Hospital accepted inoculation by Dr. Dunlop against organisms of the typhoid group, their example being followed by several members of the Health Department and the A.R.P. services, and that parents had responded satisfactorily to the battery of active propaganda directed upon them with a view to allowing their children to be immunised against diphtheria, a disease peculiarly liable to break out in epidemic form in closely crowded air raid shelters.

The review concludes with a reference to another entirely new departure, the assumption during the year of the function of the Ramsgate and District Nursing Association by the Health Department. "The scheme," Dr. Walker reports, "was taken up with enthusiasm and has proved very popular with the doctors of the town as well as providing a small source of revenue to the Corporation and a precedent for a municipal home nursing service after the war."

NO SUNSHINE STATISTICS

Statistics relating to Ramsgate's rainfall and sunshine in 1940 could not be published this year as the records were destroyed by enemy action.

DEATH—AND LIFE

Only four people—two male, two female—were killed in road traffic accidents at Ramsgate last year, but 50 people—33 male, 17 female—died from other violent causes.

Heart disease accounted for 116 deaths and cancer 60 out of a total of 490 (263 males, 227 females), giving a death-rate of 16·9 per 1,000 of population.

The children born during the year numbered 364—154 boys, 210 girls—giving a birth-rate of 14·1 per 1,000.

MARGATE

Sailors' Society Flag Day.—A flag day held at Margate on behalf of the British Sailors' Society realised £63.

Motor Cyclist Injured.—Corpl. Tidy, who was riding a motor cycle combination, sustained a compound fracture of the right ankle and facial injuries in a collision with a taxi, driven by Harry Saxby, of Argyle-avenue, Margate, at the junction of Northdown-road and Edgar-road, Cliftonville, last week. Firemen rendered first-aid before Tidy was removed to hospital in an ambulance.

MOSQUITOES

PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE:

The present plague of mosquitoes in the town is due to some extent to the supplies of standing water kept for fire-fighting in tanks, butts, buckets, etc. In order to protect yourself and your fellow citizens, you should do one of the following things:

1. **Change the water at least once a week. This is the best way. If you cannot do this, then:**
2. **Add 1½ teaspoonsful of liquid paraffin for each square yard of water surface, or**
3. **Add 1 teaspoonful of crude phenol (carbolic acid) for every 24 gallons. 24 gallons is about 8 bucketsful.**

In case of any difficulties, or if in need of further information, appply at The Health Department,
Clarendon House, Ramsgate

FATAL FALL

DEATH OF FARMER'S WIDOW

Six days after she fell out of bed and fractured a leg, Mrs. Maria Catherine Darby, widow of Mr. George Darby, of Jackey Baker's Farm, Ramsgate, died at Pershore Hospital, Worcestershire, last week, aged 87 years.

Mr. Darby, who had farmed at Jackey Baker's for 52 years, retired in the summer of 1924 and afterwards lived at 167 Margate-road, Ramsgate, until his death ten years ago.

Mrs. Darby, who left Ramsgate in June, 1940, is survived by nine of her ten children—five sons and four daughters.

All five sons served with H.M. Forces in the last war and they were all in business in Ramsgate up to a year ago.

The late Mr. Darby's father was for many years licensee of the White Horse, St. Lawrence, and it was from there that the wedding took place. Most of the children were born at the farm at Jackey Baker's.

Buried With Husband.

Mrs. Darby was buried in the same grave as her husband in St. Lawrence Churchyard on Monday, the interment being preceded by a service conducted by the Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper.

The mourners were Messrs. Alfred, Jack, Stanley and Lewis Darby (sons), Mr. John Darby (grandson), Miss Patricia Darby (granddaughter), Mrs. Southern (niece), Mrs. Downs (niece), Mr. Perkins (son-in-law) and Mrs. A. Darby (daughter-in-law).

Floral tributes included wreaths from Alfred, Edie and family; Jack; Barbara, Stan and family; Lewis, Rita and Michael; George, Kate and family; Nelly and Laura; May, Hedley and children; Ivy, Elsie and Donald; Brother Harry; Jennie and Bert; Lily and Ted; Rose, Fred, Emma and Jim; Harry and Maud, Rene, Alf, Gladys and Mick; Nephews and Joan; all at Chalkhole; Mrs. Stannard; Mr. and Mrs. Whichello and family; Mrs. E. N. Buttock and Nellie; Mrs. Home and family; Mr. and Mrs. Martin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Home.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, Hardres-street.

A WIRELESS PIONEER

DEATH OF MR. F. T. OGILVIE

A wide circle of friends in Broadstairs and St. Peter's will regret the passing of Mr. Francis Thomas Ogilvie, of Burswood, 50 Beacon-road, St. Peter's, who died in Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, last week, aged 64 years.

Mr. Ogilvie who had had a most interesting and varied career, came to Broadstairs to take charge of the North Foreland wireless station, a post from which he retired three years ago.

A pioneer of wireless telegraphy, he was one of the original members of Marconi's staff.

Mr. Ogilvie had travelled extensively and during the last war served in the R.N.V.R.

A man of happy disposition, he took an active interest in social affairs in the district. Secretary of the men's meetings held at St. Peter's Parish Hut on Sunday afternoons, he was a regular attendant at St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, where one of his daughters is organist. He also held office as S.D. in the Bradstow Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2448, which he joined in 1925. A keen stamp collector, he was a member of the Thanet Philatelic Society.

Mr. Ogilvie is survived by his wife and three daughters, to whom every sympathy will be extended.

The Funeral.

The funeral took place at the City of London Crematorium, Manor Park, on Saturday, the service being conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's.

The mourners included the widow, Miss V. E. Ogilvie and Miss C. L. Ogilvie (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bushell (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. E. Ogilvie (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Ogilvie (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. H. E. Ogilvie (brother), Mrs. F. Illing (sister), Miss A. Ogilvie (sister), Mr. and Mrs. C. Higgins (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. J. Hose, Mr. Newman and Mr. Greenland.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

THANKS TO BROADSTAIRS

When the St. Anne's British Restaurant was opened at Herne Bay last week, the chairman of the Council acknowledged that it was a visit some of them paid to Broadstairs some months ago to see the restaurant there that gave them the enthusiasm to start a show in Herne Bay. "It was largely the results of our experience there," he said, "which enabled us to make a running start here to-day."

Councillor Parker mentioned that Councillors B. Humphrey and G. W. Lane, of Broadstairs, had greatly assisted them.

MINSTER.

Whist Drive.—Thirteen tables were in play at the weekly whist drive in aid of the War Comforts Fund and the Local Troops' Social Fund, held at Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday. Sergt.-Maj. Duell was M.C. and the winners were Mr. Read, Mr. D. Johns, Mrs. Revell, S/M Duell, Mr. Wheeler and Mrs. Hammond.

"The two hard years that lie behind us have left us all unshaken in our determination to see justice and freedom re-established throughout the world."—H.M. the King.

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BROADSTAIRS

Bowls "Aces."—By winning their last three games Messrs. A. Pass and W. Vinten have finished several points ahead of their nearest opponents in the "Aces" bowls competition at Broadstairs green. In the final match the victors defeated Messrs. F. Carey and H. Price.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Miss Smart, a Wren, distributed the prizes at the whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades Association at the Rose Inn last week. The winners were Mr. Flanagan, Mrs. Harty, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Jenkins. A special prize was won by Mr. Jeffreys.

Officer's Bride.—Second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, of 46 Stanley-road, Broadstairs, 2nd Lieut. Henry Clift Elliott, Suffolk Regiment, was married at Corringham Parish Church, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on 13th September, to Miss Frances Audrey Luke, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luke, of Corringham. Wearing a turquoise costume with Burgundy hat, the bride, given away by her father, carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Mr. W. H. Elliot, deputy superintendent of Bexley Heath A. R. P. first aid party, acted as best man. Before they left for the honeymoon at Hever, Kent, the newly married couple received a telegram from the bridegroom's brother, who is on service in the Middle East.

Templars' Thanksgiving.—The harvest thanksgiving of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., was held at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Miss O. Ware, Chief Templar, presided and there was a good array of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Messages were received from many absent members including Miss E. Whitehead, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Sidney Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vass, Miss J. Vass, Mrs. F. Brunger, Mr. M. D. Faulkner, Rev. P. W. James, O.B.E., R.A.F., Flight Lieut. McCabe, R.A.F., and Mrs. McCabe, Gunr. R. H. Whiteley, R.A., and Pte. R. Pointer, A.M.P.C. A special welcome was accorded to Mrs. E. J. Glover and Mr. S. Glover, who are home for a short period. An intercession service was conducted by Mr. A. B. Impett, F.D.S.J.W., solos were rendered by Mr. Hodgson, and an appropriate harvest address was given by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, of Ramsgate. The gifts were afterwards sold by Mr. L. Parker, V.D., and a good sum raised for the Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage.

BIRCHINGTON

Prisoner of War's Thanks.—Son of Mr. G. T. Cavell, of Ismalia cottages, Birchington, Sglmn. E. O. Cavell, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag XXI C/Z has written home to say he is receiving the Red Cross parcels to which he knows Margate and Birchington people are contributing. Sglmn. Cavell, who is in good health, says he is at work but enjoys sport at week-ends.

"The real war for the final destruction of the Nazis is only beginning. We have been on the defensive most of the time. But that is not enough. We have got to attack."—The Home Secretary.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Boyes.—16th September, the wife of Alec Boyes, of La Desiree, Rutland-gardens, Birchington, of a son.

Forde.—19th September, at Bromley and Chislehurst Maternity Home, the wife of T. V. Forde, of a daughter.

Letts.—16th September, at Hastings, the wife of Second-Lieut. A. L. Letts, The Buffs, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Elliott—Luke.—13th September, at Corringham Parish Church, Essex, 2nd-Lieut. Henry Clift Elliott, of Broadstairs, to Frances Audrey Luke, of Corringham, Essex.

Highland—Odell.—17th September, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, George Highland, of Queenborough, to Sybil Iverna Odell, late of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Atkinson.—20th September, at 58 Plains of Waterloo, Ramsgate, Alice Mary Atkinson fell asleep, aged 59 years. No flowers by request.

Cossons.—In September, as a result of enemy action, George James Cossons, of 35 Adelaide-gardens, Ramsgate.

Marsden.—15th September, at Ramsgate General Hospital, Enoch Marsden, aged 87 years.

Darby.—17th September, at Pershore Hospital, Worcestershire, Maria Catherine Darby, late of 167 Margate-road, Ramsgate, aged 87 years.

Fright.—16th September, at 10 Bird's-avenue, Garlinge, Margate, Eva Fright, aged 84 years.

Kelson.—17th September, at Stretton-on-Fosse, Thomas Kelson, after a long illness patiently borne.—At Rest. Funeral Ramsgate Cemetery Tuesday.

Ogilvie.—16th September, at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, Francis Thomas Ogilvie, of 50 Beacon road, St. Peter's, aged 64 years.

Rutty.—19th September, Helen Rutty, of 135 High-street, Ramsgate, aged 71 years.

RETURN THANKS

Mr. W. P. Evans wishes to thank the many kind friends for the messages of sympathy in his sad and sudden bereavement, and for the beautiful floral tributes.
—Orpington War Hospital.

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